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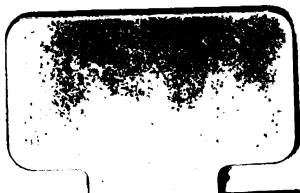
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FOR ONE MONTH,

BY VARIOUS AUTHORS.

ABRIDGED EDITION.

TO WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDED
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AND
PETITIONS IN TIME OF WAR.

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*Our Father, which art in heaven, hal-
lowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven:
give us this day our daily bread: and for-
give us our trespasses, as we forgive them
that trespass against us: and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the
love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY
GHOST, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

First Week.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three divine persons in one great and incomprehensible Jehovah, ever blessed be thy all-glorious Name, which is far above all blessing and praise.

We, thine unworthy servants, desire to approach Thee at this time in Jesus Christ, the Son of thy love, blessing and magnifying thy holy Name, that Thou hast appointed one day in seven as a day of rest from earthly cares and toil, that we may hold communion with Thee.

O grant that we may be "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." May we delight in

the Sabbath. May we count it "the holy of the Lord, and honourable : not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words," but worshipping Thee "in the beauty of holiness."

For this purpose we beseech Thee to put holy thoughts into our minds, pious affections into our hearts, and words suitable to this blessed day upon our lips.

Be with us, O Lord, we pray Thee, in thy house of prayer. Enable us to unite with our hearts as well as with our lips in the appointed services of the Sanctuary. May we confess our sins as those who feel that we have indeed "done the things we ought not to have done, and have left undone the things which we ought to have done, and that there is no health in us." May we "pray with the spirit, and with the understanding also." May we "sing thy praises with joyful lips ;" "making melody in our hearts unto the Lord." May we hear thy Word with a believing and humble mind. May something be spoken on this day, which by the power of the Holy Spirit,

shall be the means of strengthening our faith, and leading us onwards in the narrow path of eternal life. O "satisfy us with thy favour," and fill us "with the provision of thy house;" and grant that these earthly Sabbaths may prepare us for that Sabbath which shall never end, and for that assembly which shall never break up.

O thou bountiful Giver of every good and of every perfect gift, hear us, we pray Thee, on behalf of the whole human race. Grant thy Sabbaths unto all nations : pour out of thy Spirit on all flesh ; and let all the ends of the earth see thy salvation.

We pray for those near and dear to us ; for all who claim a special interest in our prayers. "Remember them, O Lord, with the favour Thou bearest unto thy people. O visit them with thy salvation."

We pray also for a great blessing upon all the assemblies of thy saints. Wherever two or three are gathered together, O blessed Jesus, in thy holy name, and according to thy holy will, be Thou, in the

midst of them, to help them and to do them good.

Grant a double portion of thy Holy Spirit to all thy servants whom Thou hast sent forth to preach thine "everlasting Gospel." May thy word from their lips be accompanied with "power from on high."

Remember, O Lord, thy promises to Abraham and Isaac : "turn ungodliness from Jacob;" and grant "that the receiving of the Jews may be as life from the dead" to the Gentiles.

"Let all the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee."

Let Jewish unbelief, Papal superstition, Mahometan imposture, and Heathen idolatry speedily come to an end. Take to Thee, O Lord, we pray Thee, thy great power and reign.

We especially pray for our Church, and more particularly for the congregation with which we are connected. May thy Word "have free course among us and be glorified."

Bless the "lambs of the flock. Gather

them in thine arms and carry them in thy bosom." Bless their parents, and bless their teachers : Grant them grace to train them up in the way wherein they should go.

Finally, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant unto us a family blessing. Give us a quiet, peaceful, holy, happy Sabbath, that beginning the day in prayer we may have cause indeed to end it in praise.

These mercies and all others, we ask in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

O Thou blessed Lord of mercy and truth, we present ourselves once more before Thee at the close of the Sabbath. "Let our prayer be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands be as an evening sacrifice," "acceptable to Thee by Jesus Christ." Since thine angels above have need to cover their faces before thy throne, how much more must each of us cry

out, "Woe is me, for I am undone ; for I am of unclean lips." "O Lord, enter not into judgment with thy servants, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified." We should not dare, vile as we are, to come into thy presence, did we not look to our blessed High Priest, who bears the iniquities of our holy things. For ever blessed be thy name for his gracious work of intercession, the only, the sure ground of our confidence before Thee !

With all our consciousness of guilt and defilement, we would still bless Thee, O our God, for the high privilege of this thy Sabbath. We thank Thee for the blessedness of the joyful sound of salvation which we have heard. Oh ! let it be ever precious to our souls, that in the knowledge of it we may "walk in the light of thy countenance, and rejoice in thy name" all our lives long. We pray Thee that the impression of thy word may be deep and lasting. O thou Divine Spirit, be pleased to "bring all things to our remembrance," that we may "take the more earnest heed to that which

we have heard, lest at any time we let it slip." Help us, O our God, "to cleanse our daily way by taking heed thereto according to thy word." We confess that we have brought too much of the spirit of the week into the Sabbath: grant that we may bring the spirit of the Sabbath into the week. "Let our mouth show forth thy righteousness and salvation." Let us "go forth in the strength of the Lord God." "May the fruits of the Spirit, appear and abound in us more and more." May we "let our light so shine before men, that they seeing our good works, may glorify Thee our Father, which art in heaven."

And as there has been so large a scattering of the seed of thy word this day, grant, we beseech Thee, an abundant watering of the dew of thy blessing, that it may bring forth much fruit to the glory of thy name. May multitudes be led by what they have heard to embrace the free and glorious message of life and salvation.

Specially, Lord, give thine effectual bless-

ing to the instruction of the young, that they may be "a seed to serve Thee, and to declare thy righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that Thou hast done this."

And as the great enemy is so wakeful to "sow his tares among the wheat," do thou cover thy Church from his deadly influence. Let him not, "as he beguiled Eve through his subtlety, corrupt thy people from the simplicity that is in Christ." "From all false doctrines, heresy, and schism, good Lord, deliver us."

And now while we praise Thee for the comforts of thy earthly Sabbath, may we anticipate with glowing desire the Sabbath of heavenly eternal "rest, which remaineth for thy people ;" when we "shall serve Thee day and night in thy temple," without weariness, without wandering, without defilement, without end.

Hear us, and answer us, O Lord God, for thy mercy's sake, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

Almighty and most merciful Father! once more hast Thou permitted us to assemble together before Thee in peace. How great is thy goodness and how rich is thy mercy! Thy constant care over us thy sinful children is wonderful. Thou sendest thine angels to watch around our beds. Thou givest us refreshing sleep. Thou renewest our strength from day to day.

And yet, O Lord, we are amongst the chief of sinners, and deserve every moment to be cast into outer darkness, for we have broken thy laws, despised thy authority, and slighted the wondrous love and sufferings of thy dear Son. All that we have deserved at thy hands, has been judgment without mercy. But Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. We bless and praise Thee, therefore, O our God, for thy great mercy which has spared us, and

which has so abundantly supplied our various wants. Help us to pour out our hearts before Thee with the voice of praise and thanksgiving.

We would especially make mention of thy loving-kindness and tender mercy in affording us the rest and privileges of the past Sabbath. We thank Thee for thy house of prayer, for thy word and ordinances, and for all the comforts, and advantages of thy sacred day.

We are now about to enter once more upon our earthly duties. We have each our different occupations, but may we all have one object, to please and glorify Thee. Our dispositions and temptations are various, but may we all be enabled to look unto Jesus for grace and strength to help in every time of need. May each of us endeavour to reduce to practice the truths which we yesterday heard.

As we have been taught how we ought to walk so as to please Thee, so let us abound more and more. Having been reminded of our utter inability to think or to

do that which is good, may we always look to Thee for the grace of thy Holy Spirit to help our infirmities ; and do Thou work in us both to will and to do of thy good pleasure.

O Lord, our eyes are now directed unto Thee, from whom alone cometh all our help. Be graciously present with us throughout the ensuing week. Give us grace to take thy word as a "light unto our feet and a lamp unto our paths." And do Thou uphold our goings, and direct our steps.

We would intercede with Thee on behalf of others. We pray not for ourselves alone, but for all those who believe in thy name. May the word of truth dwell in them richly in all wisdom. Increase the number of thy faithful people in this and in every land. Sanctify all their trials, comfort their hearts by thy Spirit, and deliver them out of all their troubles.

Let our dear friends and relatives be enriched with all spiritual blessings. May their souls prosper !

Finally we entreat Thee to remember for good the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock. Strengthen them for their duties. Refresh and cheer their spirits. Make them faithful and zealous in their high calling, and give great success to their efforts to win souls.

Merciful Father, we entreat Thee to forgive us all our sins and to receive this our imperfect morning sacrifice. Not for our own merits do we pray Thee to hear us, but for the merits' sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ ; to whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, three persons and one God, we would ascribe all honour and glory, blessing and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

O Eternal and ever blessed God, who art the Protector of all that trust in Thee, assist us mercifully in these our prayers,

and enable us to draw near to Thee with humble and believing hearts, that we may offer unto Thee an acceptable evening sacrifice, through faith in our Redeemer's name.

We are unworthy to come before Thee. We are defiled by sin, and are continually transgressing thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father ; and for thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, pardon our iniquities. For His sake forgive whatever thou hast seen amiss in us this day ; forgive whatever waste of time, abuse of our talents, whatever idle word, or evil way, whatever sinful thought, or temper, or feeling, Thou hast observed in any of us, who here kneel before Thee.

And grant, we beseech Thee, gracious Lord, that the love of Christ may henceforth constrain us to live more entirely unto Him, who loved us and gave Himself

for us. Our souls cleave to the dust ; quicken Thou us according to thy word. Pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we may indeed love Thee, above all things. May the joy of the Lord be our strength ; and may it ever be our aim and happiness to serve and please Thee. Enable us to crucify the flesh with all its vile affections and lusts, and to put the world and Satan under our feet.

Look down also in thine abundant mercy, O Lord, upon those for whom we wish and ought to pray.

We beseech Thee, to bless the Queen. Let thy wisdom be her guide, and thy favour her protection. Grant to all the Royal Family the continual help of thy grace, that they may above all things seek thy honour and glory. Give grace and wisdom to all who are in authority : direct all their counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of our country and of the whole world.

Hear us in behalf of thy ministers, the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock. Reple-

nish them with the truths of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully teach and feed thy people.

Be gracious to our relations, friends and neighbours : give them all things that may be needful both for their souls and bodies. We pray for all those who pray for us. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them.

And to all thy people, O Lord, give the blessing of peace. Holy Father, keep them for thine own name's sake. Preserve them from sin, from lukewarmness in thy service, and from the spirit of the world. Let the great adversary of their souls have no advantage over them. Prepare them for whatever trials may lie before them, and grant that they may constantly and faithfully serve thee.

Pity all who are yet ignorant of Thee, and of the way of life ; and grant them to know Thee, the true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. Have compassion

on thine ancient people Israel. Take away the veil of unbelief from their hearts.

Send the light of thy truth throughout the world. Give thy servants grace to be faithful to the souls of the Heathen ; and let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of God.

Hear us, O merciful Father, in these our supplications and prayers. Take us under thy protection this night. Keep us outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls. And, if it seem good to Thee, grant that we may rise in the morning refreshed and strengthened, to run with renewed earnestness and delight the way of thy commandments.

Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, who "art, and who wast, and who art to

come," that our lives have been prolonged, and that we are allowed to appear in thy presence this morning.

From Thee we have received our being, and by Thee we are preserved every moment. When Thou "takest away our breath, we die and are turned again to our dust." O may we feel that thy gift should be used always in thy service ; that Thou art our Creator, Preserver, and Master, and that we are altogether thine, and should be entirely devoted to Thee.

But, O God, our hearts are very evil ; our wills opposed to thy holiness ; our conduct is contrary to thy perfect law. Yet "enter not into judgment with us, for in thy sight shall no one living be justified." "Remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers." O be merciful unto us, and hear our prayers for thy dear Son's sake.

We bless Thee, O Father, that Thou hast not left us alone in our sin, but hast thyself provided our salvation.

We bless Thee, O Lord Jesus, that Thou

hast undertaken in our own nature to bear the burden of our guilt, and hast created a righteousness which Thou dost bestow upon the unworthy.

We bless Thee, O Holy Spirit, that Thou consentest still to abide with us, renewing our hearts, and guiding us into thy truth, which is able to sanctify and save the soul.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, into whose sacred name we have been baptized, we acknowledge that we are not our own, but solemnly dedicated to Thee. And therefore, when entering upon another day of our short lives, we humbly and earnestly entreat thy guidance and thy blessing. Without thy favour, O God, we cannot be truly happy ; without thy direction, we must go astray : we know that without thy grace preventing and following, we cannot determine nor act aright. Vouchsafe therefore, now, so to incline our hearts, that we may sincerely desire the help we so greatly need.

And as Thou hast appointed to each of us the various duties to which we are daily

called, we pray that we may understand the full extent of our obligations, and may have grace cheerfully to perform all the work committed to us.

Grant, O Lord, that the heads of this family may ever seriously remember that they also have a Master in Heaven. And may they always exercise the authority they have received from Thee, for the real welfare of those who have been intrusted to their care and guidance.

And be pleased, O Lord, to regard in mercy every member of this household ; preserve them from their peculiar temptations ; and grant that they may diligently perform their several duties. May they be humble, teachable, and obliging, kind, considerate, charitable, and forgiving towards each other. May they constantly watch over their tempers, and carefully abstain from rash and evil words. May they always speak and act in an open and truthful manner, remembering that whether alone or in company Thou art a witness ;

ever-seeking to approve themselves as the faithful servants of Christ.

Gracious Lord, Thou hast taught us, "that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps;" we humbly, fervently pray, therefore, that thy blessed Spirit may never forsake us. O do Thou ever shield us from the assaults of Satan, and impart to us of thy strength. Teach us all our duty, and help us to perform it. May we delight to do thy will, and experience that peace which they have who love thy law.

And may our "faithfulness in the few things" allotted us on earth, be so approved by Thee, that in the day of the appearing of Christ, we may each be welcomed by that gracious word, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Hear us, O God, our Heavenly Father; and vouchsafe to accept our praises for all thy manifold mercies and to pardon all our numberless sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O Thou Father of mercies and God of all consolation, who dost wait to be gracious to those who seek thy face, mercifully incline our hearts to conclude this day with fervent prayer and praise.

We desire to approach Thee with unfeigned humility, with reverence, and godly fear ; for Thou art glorious in holiness, of purer eyes than to look upon evil. As sinful and unprofitable creatures we may well tremble at the prospect of thy wrath. Day by day we add to the number of our sins. Since we last knelt before Thee, our transgressions have been again increased.

O God, Thou mightest justly cast us away from thy presence, and refuse to hear our prayer. But our hope is in thy word. In Christ Jesus Thou hast revealed thyself to us as a God ready to pardon,—as just, and yet the justifier of the guilty who believe in His name. Lord, we believe ; help thou our unbelief. For thy dear Son's

sake, pardon and heal our souls. Speak peace to our consciences through the sprinkling of His most precious blood.

And we beseech Thee, O Lord, not only to forgive our sins, but to subdue them. Let not sin rule in our bodies, that we should obey it in the lusts thereof. Mortify in us all carnal affections ; and grant that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. By thy holy inspiration, do Thou cleanse the thoughts of our hearts. May we all henceforth be devoted to thy fear. O that each of us may ever esteem thy favour as better than life, and carefully shun everything that would cause Thee to hide thy face from us.

O Lord, Thou requirest thy servants to look not only on their own things, but every one also on the things of others ; we would therefore intercede for our brethren in Christ, wherever dispersed, or however distressed. Stablish, strengthen, settle them. May grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

Pour out of thy Spirit, O God, on that

branch of thy universal Church to which we belong. Evermore cleanse and defend it. Remove from it all worldliness, formality, and superstition. Heal our unhappy divisions. Unite us firmly in love. Bless all amongst us who are called to minister in sacred things. Give them the spirit of love, of power, and of a sound mind.

Bless our Sovereign the Queen, her royal offspring and consort. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace. We are indeed a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, but withdraw not thy favour from us. O Thou, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, restrain the overflowings of ungodliness which make us afraid. Deliver us from the evil plots of every enemy to true religion and good government; and grant to this kingdom unity, peace, and concord.

Bless all other nations with the light of thy truth. Take away blindness from the Jews. Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn unto the Lord, and let

all the kindreds of the nations speedily worship before Thee.

Finally, we desire to bless and praise thy holy name for all thy manifold mercies to us and to all men. Especially do we bless Thee for Jesus Christ, the source of all our hopes and happiness. O that all men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men !

O Thou, who art rich unto all that call upon Thee, and ever ready to give good things to them that ask Thee, favourably with thy mercy hear our prayers, and vouchsafe to accept our feeble tribute of praise, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Almighty and everlasting God, to whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid, may thy Holy Spirit enable us to draw near to the footstool of

thy throne under a just and heartfelt sense of thy character and our own.

Thou art holy, but we are vile. Thou art good, but we are ungrateful. Thou requirest and deservest that we should love Thee with all our hearts, and acknowledge and serve Thee in all our ways. But, alas ! we have been transgressors from our birth. We have grievously departed from Thee, and have impiously rebelled against Thee by wilful transgressions of thy righteous law. Our sins of thought, word, and deed, of omission and commission, are more in number than the hairs of our head.

But for ever be thy name adored, there is mercy with Thee, and plenteous redemption. In thy dear Son, our incarnate Immanuel, Thou hast found a ransom, and hast laid upon Him the iniquities of us all.

Merciful God, we desire now to approach Thee as a reconciled Father, in His most blessed name. Help us to draw near to Thee, with a true heart, in that humble, penitent, contrite spirit, which Thou wilt not despise. Lord, plant and keep alive

in us that simple, stedfast faith in the atoning blood and availing intercession of Jesus, which brings down from Thee mercy, grace, and peace to the soul.

Look upon all the members of this family, O God, as thy adopted children in Him. And may the Spirit of adoption, the Sanctifier, and Comforter, give us a growing victory over the evil workings of our corrupt and treacherous hearts, arm us against the crafts and assaults of the devil, and keep us unspotted from the world.

Raised up by thy providence from the refreshing sleep of another night, may we go forth to the duties of this day in humble dependence on thy grace and guidance. May we dread to grieve thy Holy Spirit by presumptuous sin ; and may it be our desire and delight to do thy holy will, and to sanctify Thee, the Lord God, in our hearts continually.

Remember, we beseech Thee, with thy choicest mercies, all with whom we are connected. Look with pity on such as are suffering from want, sickness, or trouble,

and give them reason gratefully to say, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted."

Bless our gracious Sovereign, and so rule her heart in thy faith, fear, and love, that she may evermore have affiance in Thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory. Be gracious to thy Church. Check the torrent of ungodliness, vice and infidelity, which threatens to bring down thy judgments upon us. Deliver us from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism. Multiply the faithful ministers of the Gospel, and bless their labours. Pour out thy Spirit abundantly upon us, that we may be a holy nation, a peculiar people, zealous of good works, and that thy glory may long dwell in our land.

And now, heavenly Father, we would offer up our humble thanksgivings for all thy great mercies and goodness to us in body and soul ; especially for thine inestimable love in the gift of thy dear Son to redeem, and of thy Holy Spirit to purify our souls ; for our numerous means of grace, and for our bright hope of glory.

May our souls bless Thee, and all that is within us praise thy holy name in time and in eternity, through Jesus Christ, our only hope and Saviour ; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to Thee for succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead ;—hear us, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, and have mercy upon us.

Born in sin and shapen in iniquity, we have ever been unworthy of the least of all thy mercies and thy truth, which Thou hast shown unto thy servants. Lord, we call ourselves thy servants, but we are not worthy of that name. O that thy good Spirit may guide us into that love of Thee, and that comfortable persuasion of thy love to us in Christ, which shall constrain us to devote ourselves and all that we

possess entirely to thy blessed service. Give us increased understanding in the way of godliness : quicken us in thy way. Enlarge our hearts, and set them quite at liberty, that we may run with delight in the way of thy commandments, and finish at length our course with joy.

But, O Lord, we are set in the midst of many and great dangers, and by reason of our sin—the flesh lusting against the Spirit, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us. Be Thou to us, for thy dear Son's sake, a God of patience and of consolation, a God of love and peace, our strength in weakness, and a very present help in trouble. May we walk in the light, as Thou art in the light, and may the blood of Jesus Christ thy Son cleanse us from all sin. O make us watchful against everything that is sinful in deed, or word, or thought. Keep especially our tongue from evil, our lips from speaking guile. Subdue in us, O most holy Lord, all that is envious, or malicious, or deceitful : grant that we may grudge no one the good things which he may pos-

sess, nor ever be lifted up with pride or vain glory. Keep our spirits humble. Give us a tender conscience, and grace to be strictly just in all our dealings with our fellow-men. While we have opportunity may we do good unto all men. Forgive our sin in having lost so much time, and missed so many opportunities of usefulness. Grant that the remnant of our days may be spent more profitably ; and, O remember not against us the sins of our youth. Correct us with judgment, but not in thine anger, lest Thou bring us to nothing.

Keep, O Lord, we beseech Thee, thy Church in continual godliness : bid all contention cease among those who profess thy holy name. May they agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

[Bless the labours of all thy faithful ministers ; especially those of thy servant who watches for our souls. May we esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake ; and may we, and many of our neighbours with us, prove his joy and crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord

Jesus. O that we, and those dear to us, may find mercy of the Lord in that day.]

O Lord, Thou author of peace and lover of concord, let there be peace throughout the world. Let the Gospel of thy Son go forth with power among the nations, and be glorified. Let multitudes be blessed in Him ; yea, let all nations call Him blessed.

May thy blessing, most merciful Lord, rest upon our country, hitherto so favoured of Thee, yet so ungrateful. May a deep sense of thy longsuffering lead us to repentance ; and as there are those in our land that sigh and cry for the iniquities that are wrought therein, O be not Thou angry against the prayer of thy people : Spare us, good Lord ; and we will show forth thy praise.

And now unto Thee, who art able to keep us from falling, and to present us, even us, faultless before the presence of thy glory with exceeding joy,—to Thee, the only wise God our Saviour, we would ascribe all glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O God, our God, early would we seek Thee. Prepare, we entreat Thee, our hearts for thy service. Help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth ; so that we may through the mediation of our blessed Redeemer, find acceptance with Thee, and obtain the blessings which we need, as well for our bodies as our souls.

Fill us, we beseech Thee, O God, with a reverential awe of thy majesty and holiness, and give us a deep and abiding sense of our own frailty and unworthiness.

Blessed be thy holy name for sending thy dear Son into the world to save us from sin, from the curse of the law, and from eternal death. May we all be interested in the merits of our divine Redeemer. Give to each of us a true and living faith in the all-sufficiency of his sacrifice and grace.

May Christ be very precious to us ; and may we be willing at all times for his sake,

to deny ourselves and to take up our cross. Assist us continually with thy grace, that we may think and speak and act in every respect as becometh the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prepare us, O Lord, for all the events and circumstances of this day. Keep us ever mindful of our dependence upon Thee. Make us watchful over our own hearts. Give us the victory over Satan : enable us to crucify the flesh ; and preserve us from the snares of the world.

Dispose of us and all that concerns us, most merciful Father, in such a way as may be really best for us. Make us truly contented with whatever Thou seest fit to ordain ; and give us grace, in whatever situation we may be placed, to glorify Thee.

Suffer us not to forget the numberless benefits and blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us : make us more thankful ; and grant that the voice of joy and health may be still heard in our dwelling.

Bless and prosper us in the various duties and engagements now before us. Never

suffer us to undertake anything contrary to thy holy will.

We would also earnestly intercede with Thee, O Lord, on behalf of others. Bless our sovereign lady the Queen, and every member of the Royal Family. Give wisdom and grace to our rulers, both in Church and State. Let all the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock be faithful to the trust reposed in them ; and make them the honoured instruments of advancing the kingdom of our Redeemer. May they turn many sinners from the error of their ways.

Remember in mercy all who are near and dear to us. Reward our benefactors and well wishers. Forgive our enemies, and turn their hearts. Succour, relieve, and comfort all who are suffering from want, from sickness, or from trouble of any kind ; and overrule and sanctify all such afflictive dispensations to the good of immortal souls.

Pardon, O gracious Father, all our sins ; and look upon us now and at all times in mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ our

Saviour : who, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, Merciful and Gracious ! spared again through another day, we are now permitted in thy providence to meet together to render to Thee the tribute of our praises and thanksgivings. In mercy receive the prayer of those who come to Thee in the name of thy beloved Son. In mercy consider the manifold infirmities with which we are encumbered, and let it not be in vain that Thou hast spared and protected us to this time.

Help us by thy Holy Spirit, to realize the awful presence into which we are entering. Enable us to dismiss from our recollection, the things with which we have been surrounded; and may the remembrance of thy holiness and greatness subdue every

wandering thought, and bring us in mind, as well as in body, to the throne of grace.

Merciful Father, how great, how wonderful, is thy goodness ! Through how many dangers hast Thou preserved us ! How much of evil have we escaped ; how many comforts have we enjoyed through thy gracious providence ! How often has thy blessed Spirit directed or restrained us. We look back with gratitude on the way by which we have been led. We bless Thee for the benefits we have received and the mercies we have experienced ; and yet we know that there have been mercies and blessings bestowed upon us, more than can be numbered, which in the blindness of our minds we did not perceive, and which in the dulness of our hearts we have forgotten. Lord, in thy mercy quicken us to see and feel these things more and more ; and may the remembrance of thy long-suffering and forbearance increase our diligence and watchfulness for the time to come.

We humbly confess before thee, O God, our exceeding sinfulness. Our transgres-

sions are very many and very heinous. Our poor endeavours this day to do thy will have been defiled by our weakness and corruption. While we wished to do well, evil was present with us ; and we acknowledge with grief and humiliation that if Thou shouldst enter into judgment with thy servants, if Thou shouldst deal with us according to our deservings, our services must all be rejected, and we could only look for thy wrathful indignation. But, gracious Father, thou knowest that we put no confidence in anything we do. Thou knowest that we only dare to come before Thee through the mediation of thy blessed Son. Thou knowest that it is His righteousness we plead, and that alone ; and that all our hopes of acceptance rest on thy covenanted mercies in Him. For His sake then, O Lord, receive us, and for His sake be merciful to us. Grant that all our offences may be blotted out in His blood, and may we find mercy and peace with Thee through Him.

And not only forgive us what is past, but help us to amend for the time to come.

Grant us, most merciful Father, such help from thy Spirit, that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. May we lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the whole armour of light, and daily show forth thy praise.

We thank thee, O Lord, that in addition to all thy other mercies, Thou hast permitted us to pray for others as well as for ourselves ; and we humbly commend to thy goodness and care all who are near and dear to us. We beseech Thee to take them, and us, and all things belonging to us, under thy fatherly protection this night. Preserve us both in soul and body from all things that may be hurtful. Grant us the refreshment of sleep, and may we rise in the morning fitter for thy service and for the duties of our calling.

These, and all other necessary blessings, we ask in the name of Him, who died that we might live, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O Almighty and most gracious God, who art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity, we are indeed utterly unworthy to come into thy presence, or to take thy sacred name upon our lips.

But in the exceeding riches of thy grace and mercy, Thou hast been pleased to provide a way whereby we may have access to Thee. Through the mediation of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, we are not only permitted, but we are invited to draw nigh to thy throne, in full assurance of faith, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need. O that we may be enabled this morning to worship Thee in spirit and in truth, with a deep feeling of humility, reverence, and godly fear.

We know not how to pray as we ought, or what to pray for : may thy Holy Spirit graciously instruct us ; and for the sake of

thy dear Son, through whom alone we can approach Thee, may our prayers be heard and answered.

We confess with shame and contrition how greatly we have sinned against Thee ; —how, day after day, we have left undone what we ought to have done, and have done what we ought not to have done. We are verily guilty in thy sight ; but we beseech Thee, to accept us in thy beloved Son, to cleanse us in His blood, to clothe us in His righteousness, and to make us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

We are now going forth to meet the temptations, and to discharge the duties of another day, and Thou knowest what poor, weak, and sinful beings we are ; how prone to depart from Thee, and how utterly unable to stand in our own strength. We humbly pray Thee, therefore, most gracious Lord, to take us under thy care and protection. Do Thou make our hearts to be the temple of the Holy Ghost. Do thou endue us with wisdom and strength from above ; and may,

we both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. May every unholy temper and disposition be mortified in us. May we lay aside all wrath and bitterness and evil-speaking. May we never venture to undertake anything, without looking up to Thee for direction and guidance ; and may our daily walk and conversation be such as becometh the gospel of Christ. May we walk in the light, as He is in the light, and have fellowship with Him, and know, to our peace and comfort, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

And grant, O Lord, that while passing through this evil world, we may be kept continually "leaning on the Beloved," and find our strength equal to our day. May we ever entertain a holy hatred of sin. May no temptation come upon us unawares ; but in the midst of our daily occupations may we be found watching unto prayer.

We humbly and heartily thank Thee for the mercies of the past night, and for all

the other blessings which we are continually receiving at thy hands. Above all, we thank Thee for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace, and hope of glory.

We pray for our country. Bless our gracious Queen, her royal Consort and Offspring ; and evermore mightily defend them. May our rulers be able men, such as fear Thee, men of truth, hating covetousness. Upon the Ministers of the Gospel at home and abroad, may the Spirit of the Lord continually rest. May their number be increased in all parts of the world ; and by their labours may there be multitudes added to the Church of such as shall be saved. Regard with thy tender mercy our dear friends and relations, and supply all their need according to thy riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Forgive our enemies ; and give us grace cordially to forgive every one his trespasses against us.

We commit ourselves to thy guidance and protection for the day. Watch over

our path. Uphold our goings. Keep us from all evil ; and grant that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer ; in whose words, we conclude our imperfect supplications :—Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Gracious and glorious Lord God ! Thou dwellest in the light to which no man may approach, yet with him also that is of a humble and a contrite spirit and that trembleth at thy word. Look down from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory, upon us thy unworthy servants, who are now gathered together in the name of thy dear son Jesus Christ, to seek thy blessing.

O Lord, teach us to pray. May thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

We draw near to Thee, pleading the merits of Jesus Christ, and making mention

of His righteousness, and of His only. For His sake, O Lord, be merciful unto us, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon us and grant us thy peace.

O God, thou knowest our sinfulness, and our faults are not hid from Thee. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, or we must be consumed from thy presence.

Remember not against us the sins of our youth, nor the multiplied transgressions of our riper years, but according to thy mercy remember Thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Grant that the blood of Jesus, may be applied with power to our hearts and consciences, that we, being delivered from the guilt and the dominion of sin, may enjoy a comfortable sense of our reconciliation with Thee.

O thou God of peace, sanctify us wholly. Fill us with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. May we not rest satisfied with present attainments in knowledge or holiness, nor count that we have already attained ; but forgetting those things that are behind,

and reaching forth unto those things which are before, may we press towards the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We beseech Thee, O God, to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord ; and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes, and governors, and specially thy servant Victoria, our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed : and grant unto her whole council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion.

Look with compassion upon the dark places of the earth. Thou hast promised to give to thy blessed Son the heathen for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession. Fulfil this thy

promise. Hasten the time when the whole earth shall be filled with thy glory ; when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be brought in, and all Israel shall be saved.

We most humbly beseech Thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Shed abundantly thy grace upon all who are near and dear to us ; and make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

We desire now to commend ourselves, and all whom we love, to thy watchful care and protection during the dark and defenceless hours of the night. Preserve us, O Lord, from all evil. Let thy righteousness and thy truth be our shield and buckler, and whether we wake or sleep, live or die, may we be thine in Christ Jesus ; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, three persons in one undivided Godhead, be ascribed, as is most bounden, all honour, power, might, majesty, dominion, and praise, now and for evermore. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O Lord, Thou art the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God ; of whom, and to whom, are all things, the Father of mercies, and the God of all grace. Thou art good unto them that wait on Thee, to the souls that seek Thee ;—therefore do we lift up our hearts with our hands unto Thee in the heavens.

Bless the Lord, O our souls ! and all that is within us, bless His holy name. Open Thou our lips, O God, and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise. We thank Thee for thy great kindness to us in our earliest days ; as well as for sustaining us through the many dangers and temptations of riper years. It is Thou alone who hast delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling. Above all, we bless Thee for the redemption of a lost world by the passion and exaltation of thy

Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator, and for the gift of thy Holy Spirit, which reveals and applies Him to our hearts.

But while thy goodness to us, O Father, is more abundant than we can recount, we would with unfeigned abasement of soul, confess, that, as sinners, we are not worthy of the least of thy mercies. We humbly and sorrowfully deplore the continual increase of our guilt. Especially we must confess our abuse of mercies, our neglect of gospel privileges, the coldness of our love to Christ, and the iniquity even of our holy things. Deeply aggravated are our trespasses ; for we have sinned against light and convictions, against our vows and promises, against thy grace, forbearance, and love. We cast ourselves entirely on thy mercy ; pleading the blood of atonement, and praying to be justified freely by thy grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. And vouchsafe to us, good Lord, a larger supply of the Holy Ghost, that we may amend our lives according to thy holy word, and henceforth

adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

We would offer our petitions, O merciful God, in behalf of those united with us in the bonds of kindred and friendship. Provide them with all things needful both for soul and body.

Look down with thine especial favour upon our native land. Praised be thy holy Name for all the blessings it enjoys. O confirm and enlarge them, and give us grace to improve our national wealth and influence, for the extension of thy kingdom at home and abroad. Bless our Queen, her consort, and her offspring ; give her counsellors wisdom suited to the exigences of these times. Raise up godly senators ; and teach them to legislate on Christian principles.

We supplicate thy mercy for our Church. Shed thy Spirit abundantly on its members : heal its divisions : root out from the midst of it, all formality and superstition ; and grant that the one aim of its ministers and people may be to exalt the Saviour, and to reverence His word.

Gracious Father, we entreat thee to pardon the imperfections of these our prayers, and to answer them, according to thy wisdom and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O most blessed and gracious Lord God, Thou hast, of thy abundant mercy, brought us in peace and safety through the dangers and trials of another week. We are met together once more to call upon Thee and to bless Thee, as the God of our salvation, by whom we have escaped death. We have experienced thy loving-kindness every morning, and thy faithfulness every night. Thy merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us ; and we would now confess that Thou art gracious, and that thy mercy endureth for ever. If we would declare and speak of thy mercies, they are more than can be numbered. Who can show forth all thy praise ! Grant that at

the close of each passing week, thy love may be more abundantly shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, and that we may more perfectly love Thee, and more worthily magnify thy holy Name.

We pray Thee of thy fatherly goodness, O God, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We are indeed unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service.

Forgive, we beseech Thee, most merciful Father, for thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, all our past sins, negligences and ignorances. We plead the merits of our great High Priest and Intercessor. Wash away all our guilt in the fountain of his precious blood. Cover us with the robe of his justifying righteousness, and sanctify us by the purifying influences of his Holy Spirit.

Bless us as a family. Pour down upon us the riches of thy grace. May every soul in this house be brought to a saving

knowledge of Christ, and be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. May we live in perfect love and peace together, pitying one another's infirmities, and forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, even as Thou, for Christ's sake, hast forgiven us.

Prepare us all for what thy good providence designs for us, and may we be found ready, either to do, or to suffer thy will, as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom.

And now, O merciful God and Father, forasmuch as the Sabbath is drawing on, prepare our hearts, we most humbly beseech Thee, for thy holy day. If spared to behold the light of it, grant us grace to improve its sacred hours to the glory of thy Name, and the benefit of our souls. Make us joyful in thy house of prayer. Remember us, we pray Thee, with the favour that Thou bearest unto thy people : O visit us with thy salvation !

Let our prayer come up before Thee in behalf of those whom Thou hast called to serve Thee in the Gospel of thy Son. En-

due thy ministers with righteousness: guide and strengthen them by thy Spirit, and make them wise to win souls.

Bless all our friends and relations everywhere. Favourably, with mercy, hear our prayers for them. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them: let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them.

Finally, we beseech Thee graciously to behold the whole family of mankind, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and to suffer death upon the cross. May He see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied! O thou Lord of the harvest, send forth labourers into thy harvest. Give the word, O God, and great will be the company of those that shall publish it. Let thy way be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Enlarge the hearts of thy servants at home to devise liberal things for the advancement of this work of faith and labour of love. O let thy word run and be glorified, till the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in, and all Israel be saved.

These and all other mercies, for them, for us, and thy whole church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Second Week.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

GLORIOUS Lord God of the Sabbath ! who art "the High and Lofty One that inhabitest eternity," and yet condescendest to "inhabit the praises of Israel," help us to praise Thee for this Thy day, and to use it for the gracious purpose for which it was ordained. We bless Thee for the rest of our bodies from the toil and weariness of this world. Much more do we bless Thee for the rest of our souls ; that we have a day set apart for thy holy service, "that we may attend upon Thee without distraction."

But when we desire to begin the day with Thee, we are made to feel that "without Thee," O blessed Jesus, "we can

do nothing ;" "that in us, that is, in our flesh dwelleth no good thing." Grant us, therefore, we most humbly beseech Thee, all that we need, to engage our hearts for thy service ; the Spirit of life and power, of light and love, of faith and prayer, of self-abasement and devotedness.

Be graciously present with us in thy house, O Lord. "May thy good Spirit help our infirmities ;" that we may pray the holy prayers of our Church, and find them blessed and acceptable means of "worshipping Thee as a Spirit, in spirit and in truth." May we confess our sins with true brokenness of heart ; casting our burden of guilt on the great sacrifice, on which "Thou hast laid the iniquities of us all." May we seek the blessings of thy grace with earnest desire and steadfast faith. May we intercede for all who need or desire our prayers ; "remembering them who are in any adversity, as being ourselves also in the body."

Help us to acknowledge our manifold mercies with humble and unfeigned thank-

fulness, and to "sing thy praises with understanding." And specially "may it please Thee to give us an increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit." O may we this day hear a message from Thee to our own souls. May the impression of thy word be deep, abiding, practical, that under its holy influence we "may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

"We entreat Thee, O Lord, that we may be "in the Spirit" throughout the whole of "the Lord's day." Let it be "a Sabbath in our dwellings," as well as in thy house. Enable us to "shut the door, and pray to our Father in secret." And "let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight," through the great Intercessor.

We desire, O Lord, a large blessing upon the ministers of thy word. May they "determine not to know anything among their flocks, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." May they diligently feed them with

the pure truth of thy Gospel. We pray Thee to walk this day in the midst of thy churches, pouring thy light and life more abundantly upon thy waiting people. O let this be a day of much "joy in heaven over" many "sinners that repent."

Look, O Lord, with thy tenderest pity upon thine afflicted people. May those who are detained by thy loving Providence from the ordinances of thy house, find Thee to be to them a little sanctuary at home. O refresh them with the immediate comforts of the Divine Comforter.

Remember thy Church with thy special favour. O Thou glorious Head, heal her breaches : enlarge her borders ; hasten her complete gathering in thyself. Come, Lord Jesus ! take to thyself the kingdom, and reign, " King of kings, and Lord of lords."

And now, O God, may these our sacrifices of prayer and praise, be accepted upon thine altar ! Apply "the blood of sprinkling" to every service, that the sin and defilement of it may not cloud our confidence before Thee. And grant, that we

may so "pray in the Holy Ghost," that "through Christ we may have access by the Spirit," to Thee, our Father and our God.

Hear us in these our imperfect petitions, and in all our prayers this day and evermore, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

O Lord, our God and Heavenly Father, "the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and in earth is named," graciously look down upon us, whilst as a family we offer up our praises and thanksgivings unto thy Divine Majesty, for all thy manifold mercies.

We bless Thee for the privileges we have this day enjoyed, of going up to thy house of prayer, of uniting with thy people in supplicating thy mercy, singing thy praise, and hearing thy word.

[We bless Thee also for the grace given us to assemble at thy Table, there to com-

memorate the dying love of our blessed Lord, and for the assurance Thou dost thereby give us of thy favour and goodness towards us.]

Forgive, we pray Thee, merciful Lord God, whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in our services ; our wandering thoughts, our cold affections, our inconsiderate words, our want of realising thy presence, and all that thy pure eyes have beheld in us inconsistent with this thy blessed Sabbath.

O blot out "the iniquities of our holy things," in the atoning blood of our great High Priest ; and grant that, through his all-prevailing merits and intercession, our poor attempts to serve Thee may come up with acceptance before Thee.

May the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, take of the things which are Christ's, and show them unto us, that we may have clearer views of the all-sufficiency of his grace, of the excellency of his precepts and beauty of his example. We beseech Thee, gracious God, for thy dear Son's sake, to stamp thine image upon us. Make us

“holy as Thou art holy, and pure as Thou art pure.” O grant that through thy blessing, the ordinances of thy house may not only afford present refreshment, but increasing strength and stability to our faith. Make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle us. Bring us nearer to thyself: “show us thy glory,” “manifest thyself to us, as Thou dost not unto the world.”

We feel ashamed, O Lord, of the weakness of our faith, and of the coldness and selfishness of our hearts. We look to Thee to quicken us with our risen Saviour, that we may set our affections on things above, and not on things on the earth. And grant us, we beseech Thee, the “fruits of the Spirit;” love, and peace, and joy, and gentleness, and brotherly kindness, and every other grace that tends to thy glory and to our salvation.

We beseech Thee also, heavenly Father, to hear us for all those, who have more particularly requested an interest in our prayers. Supply all their wants, temporal and spiritual. Heal the sick, comfort the

afflicted. Sanctify the trials of all who are suffering in mind, body, or estate. Fulfil thy gracious name, "be the Father of the fatherless and the Husband of the widow," and let the cry of the destitute reach thine ear.

We pray for thy ministering servants. Grant unto them, O Lord, a double portion of thy Spirit. Bless them in their own souls, in their families, and in all their ministrations.

We pray also for all with whom we have this day worshipped. May a savour of the sabbath abide upon them, and thy word which they have heard, prove really profitable to their souls.

We beseech Thee also to have mercy upon those who have no mercy on themselves. Put forth thy mighty power, O Lord, and "turn the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just."

Have pity upon the nations now sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Fulfil thy promise to thy Son. Give Him "the Heathen for his inheritance and the

uttermost parts of the earth for his possession."

Look with favour upon thy dispersed and outcast people Israel. Hasten the blessed period, when "the days of their mourning shall be ended, and their God shall be their glory."

And now we commend ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, to thy special care and keeping through the silent watches of the night.

Ere we retire to rest, we desire to offer our praises and thanksgivings unto Thee : "goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives." We would especially praise Thee for Him, who has purchased every blessing for us, with his own most precious blood :—"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift." For his sake, O Lord, add to all thy blessings a thankful heart and a cheerful spirit.

Hear us, O God of our salvation, and answer us, we humbly beseech Thee, for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our only hope and Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

Almighty Lord, whose eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good, who art the God of our family, into whose name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we have all been baptized, and to whom we desire ever to live, we praise Thee, we exalt Thee, we give Thee glory, as the only living and true God,—God over all things, in heaven and in earth, now and for ever.

We praise Thee for all the mercies of another morning, for thy protection through the night, for the measure of health and strength which we daily enjoy, for our family comforts, for our religious privileges, and various means of grace. O Lord, what thanks shall we render for thy holy word ; for the gift of thy only begotten Son himself, for the light and consolation of thy holy Spirit, and for the blessed hope of living with our Saviour in those glorious mansions which He is now preparing. We

are indeed utterly unworthy of these thy mercies. We have walked each one in his own way. We have all departed from Thee, our most gracious Father and Friend. By unbelief, by alienation of heart, by self-will, and pride, by selfishness, and impenitence, we have all offended Thee. O may thy Spirit so bring home to our hearts thy love and our ingratitude and perverseness, as to remove that in us which is hard and stony, and make us humble and contrite in thy sight. May we each see our own sinfulness, and with broken hearts and self-aborrence confess that we are vile.

And reveal to us, O God, the full preciousness of Christ—the length and breadth, the depth and height, of his love, which passeth knowledge. May thy good Spirit continually take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us, that we may know Him more perfectly as “the way, the truth, and the life.”

Help us this day to recollect and meditate upon the truths, which we yesterday received. May thy word abide in our

hearts and bring forth much holy fruit in our lives.

Extend the same blessings wherever thy Gospel has been proclaimed, far and wide. Let there not be one hearing thy word without gaining some quickening or strengthening grace from the truth preached.

O Lord, hold Thou up our goings in thy paths ; for only while Thou holdest us up are we safe. We are in the midst of snares and temptations, which we see not, or at best see very dimly. Do Thou then still watch over and guard us ; and inspire us with holy zeal, and courage, with vigilance, and devotedness in thy service.

May the wicked all around be converted and turned to Thee : may the impenitent and unbelieving be brought to repentance and faith : may those burdened with sin and guilt come to Jesus and be relieved.

Bless every member of this family. May we have been brought together in thy providence to be a full blessing to each other. May we all, through thy imparted

grace, bring to each other daily help and comfort.

And bless the whole family of God : bring in the Jews : bring in the Gentiles, and let the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of thy glory.

Hear us, O our God, for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

Most Holy Lord God, our Father, which art in heaven, we thy sinful children draw near to Thee in the name of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, pleading His merits and relying upon His intercession for the acceptance of our persons and prayers.

We come before Thee conscious of manifold sins and infirmities ; for in many things we daily offend, and in everything come short of what is required of us. We desire to humble ourselves before Thee on account of our unbelief and pride, our selfishness and ingratitude, our too great love

of this present world, and our want of more fervent love to Thee. Thou knowest our sinfulness, and none of our faults are hid from Thee. Be merciful unto us, O God, and pardon our iniquity ; for it is great. Grant us to know and feel that the blood of Jesus Christ, thy Son, cleanseth us from all our sins ; and, "accepted in the Beloved," may we enjoy that peace which passeth all understanding.

And bestow on us, we beseech Thee, in large measure, all the sanctifying influences of thy Holy Spirit. Subdue in us all sinful affections and lusts. Deliver us from every practice and disposition, which is displeasing in thy sight. May our faith grow exceedingly, our love abound more and more ; and may we be clothed with humility. O do Thou sanctify us wholly, body, soul, and spirit ; that in the day of thy glorious appearing, we may be presented faultless before the presence of thy glory with exceeding joy.

We desire to intercede for our fellow-Christians, and fellow-creatures in all parts

of the world. May the healthful Spirit of thy grace be abundantly vouchsafed to thy universal Church. May all its members depart from iniquity, and purify themselves as a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Let all Bishops, and Curates, be truly illuminated by thy Holy Spirit. May they have a right knowledge and understanding of thy word ; and both by their preaching and living, set it forth and show it accordingly. Multiply the number of faithful ministers in all lands. May great grace be upon those who are labouring among the heathen ; and may the Holy Ghost be sent down from heaven to open the hearts of those to whom they have been sent. O God, pour out of thy Spirit upon all flesh. Utterly abolish the idols, and destroy the dominion of Satan throughout the whole world.

To these prayers and supplications we desire to add our unfeigned thanksgivings for all thy manifold mercies to us. We praise Thee for the continuance of many temporal blessings ; but more especially for

the light of thy Gospel, and all the religious privileges with which we have been so long and so largely favoured. What are we, O Lord, that thou shouldest be thus mindful of us! We deserve not the least of thy numberless mercies. O grant unto us such a deep sense of thy great goodness, as shall constrain us from day to day to shew forth thy praise, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before Thee in all holiness and pureness of living.

We now commit the keeping of body and soul to thy gracious hands during the hours of darkness. Watch over us whilst we sleep, and keep us from all evil.

Grant these petitions, most merciful Father, for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O Almighty God, Thou God of all the families of the earth ; in whom we live and move and have our being ; we thank Thee

that we are again permitted to meet together, and to make our common supplications unto Thee. Thou hast kept and defended us through the night. Thou hast granted us the refreshment of sleep. Thou hast raised us up in health and safety ; and it is our desire as well as our duty, to draw near to Thee now in prayer, and to implore thy mercy for the day that is begun ; as we would render our praises for the mercy, which has preserved us through the night.

We know not, O Lord, what the day may bring forth. We cannot foresee its trials, its dangers, its difficulties, or its burdens. We only know that we are weak, and that the world is full of evil ; and we feel that, if Thou shouldest leave us to the vanity of our own hearts, or the foolishness of our own minds, there is not a day, which does not bring with it such occasions of falling, that we might perish and be lost for ever, through the temptations to which we are exposed. We dare not then look forward to the various engagements of this day, ex-

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cept in dependence on thy protecting providence, and thy preventing grace. Lead us then, merciful Father, by thy Spirit, in the way wherein we ought to go. Incline our hearts to keep thy commandments. Order our steps according to thy will, and graciously restrain and direct our goings, that we may not depart from Thee. May we look to Thee in everything we do. And may we ever bear in mind that the only end of living is to live to Thee.

We would also pray Thee to keep us, and all those immediately belonging to us, from all the dangers to which we may be exposed. We humbly entreat Thee to preserve us from outward hurt, or injury, and to support us under every trial or suffering, to which we may be called in thy good providence.

May thy blessing rest on all our efforts to do good. May we never undertake anything which we cannot beg of Thee to prosper. Enable us to bear in mind a sense of thy continual presence. May we remember in everything we do, that, Thou,

Lord, seest us : and may this recollection control, not only our words and deeds, but likewise the very thoughts of our hearts ; since Thou knowest them altogether.

We implore thy blessing, O merciful Father, on those who are near and dear to us : we know that Thou art present with all thy works, and art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think :—we beseech Thee, therefore, to afford to each, the help, the guidance, the comfort, that are needed ; and grant that all those, who are the companions of our way through life, may be made partakers of the same blessed hope, and rise to the same happy immortality with ourselves.

O Lord, pardon all our sins ; accept our praises, and answer these our imperfect supplications, for the sake of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Through thy tender mercy, O most gracious God, we have been safely protected through another day ; and being brought to the conclusion of it in health and peace, we once more meet in the name of thy dear Son, to render to Thee our humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving, to seek thy pardoning mercy, and to implore thy fatherly protection during the silent hours of the night.

We desire to praise Thee, O Lord, with gratitude unfeigned, for the many blessings which have been extended to us since we were last together before thy mercy seat. How manifold are thy mercies ! Especially would we bless Thee that we have the unspeakable privilege of hearing the Gospel's joyful sound, proclaiming a free and full salvation, and assuring us that thy dear Son " has put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." Truly we must confess that there is nothing that could be done for us, that Thou hast not done.

But, O our God, we confess that our improvement has not been in proportion to our privileges. We have neither loved Thee, served Thee, nor obeyed Thee, as we ought to have done. Our faith has been weak, our love has been cold, our souls have cleaved to the dust, and our very best services have been defiled. We have not acted with a single eye to thy glory ; neither have we loved our neighbour as ourselves. O God, if Thou wert to enter into judgment with us, we could not answer Thee to one charge of a thousand.

But we would betake ourselves to the “ fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness.” We desire to be found in Christ, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

We earnestly entreat that thy word may dwell in our hearts ; and that through patience and comfort of the Scriptures we may have hope. Thou, O God, knowest

the state of every one here before Thee, our peculiar wants and necessities, our trials and temptations. O suit thy mercies to our various wants : and grant that we, and all thy people, “building up ourselves on our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, and looking for the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life, may keep ourselves in the love of God.”

Look down in mercy, O Lord, on the dark places of the earth, which are full of the habitations of cruelty, and visit them with thy light and thy salvation. Strengthen the hands and comfort the hearts of all thy faithful servants, who have left their homes to “tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King.”

Be gracious unto thine ancient people Israel : remember thy covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ; and hasten the day when the veil shall be removed from their eyes, and when the receiving of them again shall be as life from the dead.

• Have mercy upon our country : pour

out upon its inhabitants a spirit of repentance ; and may we be a people fearing Thee and working righteousness.

Bless the young, keep them from the evil that is in the world, and grant that as they grow in years they may grow in grace, and in favour with God and man.

Pity the sick and afflicted ; and sanctify all their trials, sufferings, bereavements, and losses, to the good of their souls.

To thy merciful care and protection we now commit ourselves for the night, praying Thee to keep us outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls ; and if, in mercy, we are permitted to see the light of another morning, and to go forth to our daily occupations, may we ever remember whose we are, and whom we are bound to serve.

These prayers and supplications we humbly present before Thee, O God, in the name and through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ : to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory for ever. Amen. •

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Almighty and most merciful God, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, we thank Thee that we have been brought in safety to the beginning of another day. Grant that we may begin and end this day with Thee. Thou art good, and doest good : teach us thy statutes.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, O Lord our God ; we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory, and for all the manifold and wonderful mercies, vouchsafed to us, thy most unworthy creatures. O that the remembrance of thy great goodness and of our own unworthiness, may fill our hearts with love to Thee, and cause us to walk more watchfully and more humbly before Thee.

We beseech Thee, O our God, to take us under thy guidance and protection this day, and enable us to spend it according to thy will. Grant to us the Spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful, and

make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name.

Preserve us from following the devices and desires of our corrupt hearts, from leaning to our own understanding, and trusting in our own strength. Grant that by looking unto Thee for the continual help of thy Holy Spirit, we may be enabled to resist and overcome all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Being reconciled to Thee, through faith in the atoning blood of our Redeemer, may we indeed live as those who feel that they are no longer their own, but His.

And grant, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, that as we pass on towards our eternal home, we may continually grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we be changed into his image. Enable us to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Hear us, O Lord, in behalf of those whom we desire to remember before thy mercy-seat. Be gracious to our relations, friends,

and neighbours. Give them the same blessings which we ask for ourselves. Lead those of them who are yet wandering from Thee, to the knowledge of thyself; and enable those who are already serving Thee, to press forward earnestly and humbly in thy ways.

Have mercy on the whole Church. Frustrate the designs of Satan, and let him not prevail to turn aside thy people from the ways of truth.

O Lord, save the Queen, and pour thy richest blessings upon her offspring. Grant that she may always incline to thy will and walk in thy way. Guide the minds of all who are in authority under her. Give them an earnest desire to do that which is right. Strengthen their hands for good; and prosper them in all such undertakings as may promote the welfare of thy Church and the glory of thy name.

Have mercy on thy ministers. Keep them stedfast in the faith, and make them zealous for thy truth. May great grace be upon those who preach to the Jew and to

the Heathen the unsearchable riches of Christ. Guide and uphold them amidst all their dangers and difficulties ; and grant that through their means, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ may have free course and be glorified throughout the world.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, most merciful God : pardon the imperfections of these our prayers, and grant us all things that may be needful for our souls and bodies, now and evermore, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O Lord God of our salvation, the knowledge of whom is life eternal, we desire devoutly to adore thy holy and glorious name ; and whilst we present our evening sacrifice before thy throne of grace, we humbly pray that through the intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ, our gracious Advocate, we may obtain the help of thy blessed Spirit.

O may He vouchsafe to calm our feelings, to collect our thoughts, and to elevate our affections ; and may our whole hearts be fervently engaged in this solemn act of worship.

Father of mercies, we adore thy grace which has been manifested in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. We specially desire to praise Thee, that through Him we have received "the word of life," the purchase of His passion, and our most precious heritage.

May the truths of thy Holy Scriptures be engrafted by thy Spirit in our hearts. May thy word dwell in us richly in all wisdom.

May we solemnly realize, "that the things which are seen are temporal, while the things which are not seen are eternal," and that "the Lord cometh who will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the heart."

O God, do Thou train, prepare, and prove us by the events of every day, for that better state, wherein we may perfectly love Thee and do thy will.

Yet when we review the day that is now

closing, what just cause for humiliation, sorrow, and fear, do we find !

O God, forgive our waste of time, our neglect of duties, and all our unworthy services. Pardon the rash and angry words we may have spoken, and any evil temper we have indulged.

Pardon every word, or action, contrary to strict integrity ; and whatever thy pure eyes may have seen that has been untruthful, or deceitful in any of us.

Pardon our want of watchfulness, our worldliness, our unkindness, or uncharitable feelings towards others. Pardon our forgetfulness of the very prayers which we professed to offer this morning. And especially we ask that in mercy Thou wilt forgive that sin which is the cause of all our forgetfulness of Thee.

For these, and all other our infirmities, ignorances and transgressions, we earnestly implore forgiveness in the name of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. May we all be of that blessed number, who, being "justified by faith in Him have peace with Thee."

And grant we beseech Thee, O God, that the fruits of thy Spirit may appear and abound in us more and more. Bestow on us that excellent gift of charity, which "believeth, hopeth and endureth all things." May we "never be weary in well doing, but as we have opportunity, do good to all ; especially to them that are of the household of faith."

We humbly approach Thee, O Lord, in behalf of our Sovereign the Queen, her Royal Consort, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal family. Enrich them abundantly with all heavenly gifts.

We also intercede for the counsellors of the Queen, and for the great Council of the nation [now assembled in Parliament,] and for all those who by thy permission are called to exercise authority and discharge public duties. Endue them, O Lord, with that wisdom which is from above.

Above all, because for the sake of all, we pray for the clergy. May they be so effectually taught and guided by thy Holy Spirit, that by the ministry of thy word,

truth and holiness may be imparted and confirmed, to thy glory and the salvation of the souls committed to their care.

Accept graciously, O Lord, our imperfect petitions in behalf of our absent relatives and friends, and all who desire to be remembered in our prayers. Bestow on them, we beseech Thee, all spiritual blessings. In mercy regard all those who are passing through the trial of sickness or any other sorrow. May all needful grace and strength be vouchsafed unto them.

O Lord, "to whom all power is given," and "all judgment committed," hasten thy kingdom. Let thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Remember in mercy "the children of Abraham, beloved for their father's sake," and gather them into thy fold.

And so may we the Gentiles, with those who "have not called on thy name," become one with Israel thy people, and unite in the song of Moses and the Lamb; ascribing "all blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honour, power, might, and salvation,

to our God, which sitteth on the throne, and to the Lamb, for ever."

Hear us, O Thou God of our salvation, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

We thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for the merciful protection which Thou hast afforded us during the night past. Thou hast given us refreshing rest on our beds: we laid us down and slept, and we awaked, for Thou hast sustained us.

Thy mercies are new every morning; great is the sum of them. While many of our fellow-creatures have awoke to sorrow, sickness, or death, we are mercifully exempted from these calamities, and are surrounded with blessings. For these things it becometh us to be thankful;—but above all would we laud and magnify thy glorious name for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ, for

the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Grant to us, we humbly beseech Thee, that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful. Dispose us to ask, "What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits!" and may our souls bless Thee, and all that is within us praise thy holy name.

O Lord our God, we acknowledge and confess that we have not rendered again according to the benefits done unto us. To us belongeth shame and confusion of face; but to the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him. Thou hast thyself set forth thy Son Christ Jesus to be a propitiation for sin, through faith in his blood. Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief!

Pardon, we beseech Thee, the iniquity of thy servants, according unto the greatness of thy mercy. For the glory of thy great name, heal our souls which have sinned against Thee; heal our backslidings, receive us graciously, and love us freely.

We come to Thee, Heavenly Father, not only for the pardon of our sins, but also for grace and strength that we may go and sin no more. Sanctify us, we beseech Thee, through the renewing influences of thy Holy Spirit, and cleanse us from all our sins. Purify our hearts by faith. May no sin have the dominion over us. May the flesh be crucified in us with its affections and lusts. May we be "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ." Fulfil in us the good pleasure of thy goodness, and the work of faith with power.

Be with us during the day upon which we have entered. Bless us in our going out and in our coming in. Guide us by thy counsel ; and preserve us by thy almighty power. Have compassion, O Lord, upon a world that lieth in wickedness. Save and defend thy Church ; especially that branch of it to which we belong. Enlarge the place of her tent ; lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes. Prosper

every effort for the conversion of the heathen, and let thy work appear to thy servants who are engaged in it ; yea, the work of their hands, establish Thou it.

Pour out thy Holy Spirit, O Heavenly Father, on thine ancient people, thy people Israel, that the veil which is upon their hearts may be taken away, so that they may be saved.

Let thy special blessing rest upon our own land. Continue to us those mercies, of which we acknowledge ourselves to be most unworthy. Give the Queen thy judgments, O Lord, and let her throne be established in righteousness. Counsel her counsellors, and teach her senators wisdom. Regard with thy special favour our relations and friends ; enrich them with all spiritual blessings. [Look in mercy upon the children of this family, and grant that they may indeed be thy dear children by adoption and grace.]

Hear our prayers, merciful God ; pardon their imperfections, and vouchsafe an answer of peace, through Jesus Christ our

Lord ; in whose name and words we further pray ;—

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Lord God Almighty, in Thee we live and move and have our being. Thy glorious Name is exalted above all blessing and praise. Thou art good and doest good, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. We desire as a family to present at thy footstool our humble and hearty thanksgivings for the blessings and comforts of the past day, and of our past lives. Thy mercy and goodness have followed us unceasingly from our childhood, until now.

What cause have we to thank and praise Thee, for the place and time in which Thou hast given us existence ! Our lot might have been cast in some of the idolatrous nations of the earth : or we might have been born at a time when papal

darkness overspread this land. Blessed be thy Name, O God, that we enjoy the light and comfort of thy holy word. We bless and praise Thee for its joyful tidings, that thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has come into the world to save sinners. We thank Thee, that, through His merits and mediation, we are invited to draw near to Thee, in humble boldness, as a reconciled God and Father, for mercy, grace, and glory. O gracious God, what shall we render unto Thee for all this thy great goodness? What less than eternity will suffice for setting forth thy praise?

We are indeed utterly unworthy of the least of thy mercies. Born in sin and shapen in iniquity, we have been transgressors from our birth. We can therefore come before Thee, O Thou merciful and long-suffering Lord, with no other plea than that of the contrite publican: "God be merciful to us sinners." May thy Holy Spirit show us how exceedingly sinful we are; may He work in our penitent hearts an intense desire to be delivered from the

guilt and punishment, and from the power and pollution, of sin. And may we all be led to feel more and more the great love of Christ our Saviour, in dying for our sins and rising again for our justification.

May we all be united to Him by a true, living, obedient faith. Justified by faith in His cleansing blood, may we have peace with Thee, and rejoice in hope of future glory.

Grant that such a perception of the love of Christ, and of thy tender mercies in Him, may henceforth possess our hearts as shall bind us to Thee in the cords of adoring love. Let the mind that was in Christ, be given to us : like Him, may we be holy, harmless, heavenly-minded, watchful over our own spirits, frequent and fervent in prayer, upright in all our dealings, and diligent in the discharge of every duty. Enable us, O Lord, to walk daily in thy fear, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost ; that we may at last be found in Christ, meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

We humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father, for all sorts and conditions of men. Be favourable to our land. Defend and bless thy Church. Purify it, and preserve all its members from formality and superstition, from false doctrine and unbelief, and from ungodliness and wickedness of life. May they be taught by thy Spirit to agree in the truth of thy holy word, and to live in unity and godly love.

Look down in compassion on the multitudes, who are led captive by Satan in spiritual darkness, idolatry, sin, and misery. Bless all societies engaged in making known the unsearchable riches of Christ. Turn the hearts of long-rejected Israel, that in penitence and faith, they may look to Jesus as their Messiah, their Saviour, their God. Bring in the fulness of the Gentiles; and let the whole earth be soon filled with thy glory.

And now, Lord, take us and all that are dear to us, under thy watchful care through the unconscious hours of sleep. And may we rise in the morning refreshed in body

and spirit, to pursue our journey heavenwards under thy gracious guidance and support, as pilgrims and strangers here. So may we each at last reach our heavenly Father's house in peace, to the eternal praise of thy bountiful grace and mercy, through the merits and mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O Lord, the holy and all-seeing God, Thou dwellest in the light whereunto no man can approach, and from thy glorious throne lookest down upon all the inhabitants of the earth. Thou searchest all our hearts, and spiest out all our ways. Thou art here and everywhere present, and seest and knowest all things.

Thou hast declared, O God, that everyone shall receive the fruit of his doings. We believe that Thou wilt bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing. O

Lord God, who shall be able to stand before Thee in that great and terrible day, when Thou shalt call each of us to account for our thoughts, our words, and works ! We confess that we cannot bear the scrutiny of thy righteous judgment. Our own consciences condemn us, and cause us to tremble in thy presence. O whither shall we flee, when Thou settest before us all our transgressions !

O Lord, look in mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, and forgive all our sin. We plead before Thee the merits of the ever-blessed Jesus. For His sake account us righteous, who have no righteousness of our own.

And we pray Thee to grant, that we may, each of us, endeavour so to act as to approve ourselves to Thee, O thou heart-searching God ! Let no attempt to deceive be made by any under this roof. Put away from us all guile ; and cause us ever to remember, that Thou requirest truth in the inward parts. We entreat Thee to grant us the help of thy good Spirit, that

we may be sincere and unblamable in thy sight.

We pray Thee likewise to grant unto others a due sense of thy presence. May the ungodly remember that they cannot hide themselves where Thou shalt not see them, and that the day is at hand when Thou wilt make manifest the deceit and wickedness of every sinner's heart.

Give unto Thine own people a constant and comfortable sense of thy presence. May they be enabled to rejoice in the thought that Thou standest continually at their right hand to hear, to help, and to deliver them.

Grant likewise unto all our dear relatives and friends, a continual remembrance of their responsibility to Thee. May they live as in thy sight.

We pray for all sorts and conditions of men amongst us, that they may be mindful of that great day when they shall appear before Thee to give account of all things done in the body. We pray for our Queen; for all in authority ; for the rich and for

the poor ; may they all diligently prepare to stand before Thee in judgment.

O Lord God, we entreat Thee to hear us in these our prayers for ourselves and others. We know that Thou art able to do for us exceeding abundantly, far above all that we have asked ; we beseech Thee, therefore, to raise up thy power and come among us, and with great might to succour us, that we, who through our sins and wickedness are sore let and hindered in running the race which is set before us, by thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily be delivered, through the satisfaction of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ ; in whose name we present all our petitions :

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O Lord our God, how excellent is thy name in all the earth. Thou hast set thy glory above the heavens. What is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of

man that Thou visitest him ! How wonderful was that love that Thou didst show to the world, in sending thy only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. O give unto us grace ever to believe in Jesus, and readiness, if need be, to suffer for His sake.

Brought by thy goodness to the close of another day, we desire humbly to confess the sins which we have committed against Thee, and that we have all come short of thy glory. None of us are righteous ; none of us have of ourselves done good ; no, not one.

But it is thy faithful promise that if we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We ask for this double blessing ; forgiveness and cleansing. Pardon all our sins : create in us a clean heart. And grant that we may all be numbered with those to whom there is no condemnation ; who are in Christ Jesus, and walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

O Lord, may we delight in that which pleases Thee : teach us to do thy will not only in patiently submitting to all thy afflictive dealings with us, but also in actively fulfilling all the duties to which Thou hast called us.

Lord, increase our faith, quicken our watchfulness, enable us to pray always. Grant us the teaching of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth. And when the cry shall be heard, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh," may we all be ready and prepared to meet him.

Everywhere give thy churches grace to be watchful and to strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die. O Lord, help them to remember "how they have received and heard, and to hold fast and repent." May our own Church especially be thus assisted and blessed of Thee.

We praise Thee, O Lord, for the mercies shown unto our favoured land. Make us, as we ought to be, more grateful for the blessings we enjoy, and grant that the past deliverances of Britain may be earnest of

future mercies. Visit not upon us the open sin and blasphemy which are found in our borders : preserve us from all dangers from without, and from the still greater dangers that threaten us from within. Bless those in authority ; pour upon them such a measure of grace that they may be made a blessing to the people committed to their charge. Be gracious to our dear relations and friends and visit them with thy salvation.

Bless the pastors of thy flock, the missionaries to Jew and Gentile, and the teachers of thy truth throughout the world. O that they may ever go forth in thy name and strength. May they everywhere declare that Christ died for our sins, and ever glory in his cross. May this saving doctrine be the power of God unto the salvation of innumerable precious souls. Thus send the Gospel of thy grace on its glorious errand of mercy through the wide world, to every nation, kindred, people, and tongue, gathering thine elect from every land, till the fulness of the Gentiles be come in, and all Israel be saved.

Give us now refreshing rest to fit us for the duties of another day. May we lie down with Thee in our last thoughts, and may we awake in the morning still present with Thee.

We ask all, O God, in the name of our only and complete Saviour, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, look down in mercy upon us, thy sinful creatures, now kneeling at thy footstool. We are ashamed to lift up our face to Thee, our God ; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. Behold, we are before Thee in our trespasses, and we cannot stand before Thee because of them.

But, blessed be thy name, thy mercy is great above the heavens. Spare us, good Lord ; spare us, according to thy tender

mercy. For thy dear Son, Jesus Christ's sake, pardon all our sins, and blot them out of the book of thy remembrance. We have nothing to plead but his merits. We cast ourselves entirely on thy promised mercy in the Son of thy love, whose blood cleanseth from all sin.

We thank and praise Thee, O Lord, for thy preservation of us during the past night, and for all the mercies with which we are surrounded this morning. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless his Holy Name. We pray Thee to give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives.

Into thy hands we desire now to commit ourselves. Thou hast been about our bed to keep us from danger during the night, and we pray Thee still to watch over us for good, and to be about our path to keep us from all evil during this day.

By thy special grace preventing us, put into our minds good desires, and by thy

continual help, enable us to bring the same to good effect. Hold Thou up our goings in thy paths, that our feet slip not. Help us to set Thee before us in all our thoughts, words, and works, that we may faithfully serve Thee, and in all things glorify thy Holy Name.

May thy good Spirit daily subdue in us the rebellion of our fallen nature, and bring into captivity all the thoughts and desires of our hearts to the obedience of Christ.

Leave us not in doubt or ignorance as to our real state in thy sight. Teach us to know ourselves, as we are known of Thee. Search us, O God, and know our hearts : try us, and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Keep us mindful that this day is the preparation for the Sabbath. Make it so to us, we humbly beseech Thee. Enable us to set our house in order, and so to arrange our worldly affairs, that we may serve Thee without distraction on thy holy day, should we be spared to see it. Suffer us not to be

so careful and troubled about earthly things as to forget the one thing needful.

Bless all thy ministering servants who are appointed to preach the Gospel of thy grace. Be with them in their preparation for their holy work. Let great grace be upon them all. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word. Let them not shun to declare all the counsel of God, that they may be pure from the blood of all men.

Be merciful and gracious, O Lord, to our relations and friends. O make them thine by adoption and grace, and never leave them nor forsake them.

Look down on this family with tender mercy, and bless every member of it. May the voice of prayer and praise be daily heard in our dwelling. Let no root of bitterness spring up amongst us. May we love Thee supremely, and love each other with pure hearts fervently, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ.

Blessed Lord, vouchsafe to hear these our prayers, and pour upon us, we beseech Thee, the abundance of thy mercy, pardoning all our sins, and sanctifying us by thy Holy Spirit, that whether we live, we may live unto Thee, or whether we die, we may die unto Thee, so that, living or dying, we may be thine for ever, through Jesus Christ our Saviour ; in whose blessed name and words we further call upon Thee :

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O Thou, whose name is Jehovah, we approach Thee as our covenant God in Christ Jesus. Pour upon us, we beseech Thee, the Spirit of grace and supplication ; and impress us with such a sense of thy glorious excellences, that we may address Thee with humble reverence and devout affections.

Another week has now passed ; and alas, how much defilement has marked

our daily course! When we would have done good, how often has evil been present with us. How many duties have been neglected by us! How unprofitable have we been! How have pride, worldliness, and ill tempers, disgraced our Christian character. Thou knowest that we have not sufficiently regarded thy presence, O God; nor our obligations to thy Son, nor the godly motions of thy Spirit.

Yet to Thee, O Father, belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee. For Jesus Christ's sake remember not our offences; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us, good Lord; spare thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood; and by the power of the Holy Ghost, good Lord, deliver us.

As members of a Christian family, teach us all to fulfil aright the duties of our relative stations. May the affairs of this household be regulated on truly Christian principles. May they who rule, and they who serve, be found faithful servants of

Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

O God of peace, deign to dwell in this family ; and should there now exist in it any secret heart-burnings or jealousies, we pray they may this night be forgotten.

Merciful God, bring all our relatives and friends into thy true fold ; and render them still more dear to us by the bonds of grace than by those of natural affection. However scattered on earth, grant that we may share each other's bliss in the inheritance of the saints.

Be very gracious to thy universal Church ; and pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh. We earnestly pray that both at home and abroad thy word may have free course, and be glorified. Shed thy blessing upon all societies engaged in the promotion of thy truth : increase their means of usefulness, and direct and prosper their undertakings. Raise up, we pray Thee, in connexion with them, devoted and faithful men to go forth as missionaries to the Heathen and the Jew ; and be very gra-

cious to all who are thus employed. May the joy of the Lord be their strength; and may they be faithful unto death.

We intercede for all under the influence of Romish superstitions. O dispel the darkness in which they are involved, and deliver them from the thralldom of vain traditions.

We praise Thee, good Lord, for all the dealings of thy providence and grace throughout the week now closing. We thank Thee for having preserved us by night and by day; for our health, for freedom from accidents, and for the continuance of all our comforts.

May the end of another week, so quickly passed, remind us of the shortness and uncertainty of our lives, and of the value of an eternal Sabbath in heaven. Prepare us for this, O God, by rendering thy Sabbaths on earth a delight; and may the prospect of joining the assembly of thy people on the morrow fill us with gladness.

We pray, O Lord, for those who on the morrow shall minister in sacred things.

Give them enlarged knowledge and experience of thy truth, and grace to preach it fully and faithfully. Put thy seal to their ministrations by the conversion of many souls.

Protect us this night, good Lord: grant that we may rise in the morning with hearts prepared for thy service; and do Thou lead us to thy house with the full purpose of offering unto Thee spiritual worship. O that we may all become thine only, thine entirely, thine for ever.

We ask every blessing in the name, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Third Week.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we bless Thee for the mercies of the past night, and for sparing us to behold the light of another Sabbath. Grant us thy grace that we may rest this day according to thy commandment. Quicken our souls by thy Holy Spirit, that in all our thoughts, words, and works, we may glorify thy holy Name, and be in thy fear all the day long.

We confess, O God, that we are not worthy to come into thy presence ; for we have been sinners from our childhood until now ; continually transgressing thy holy laws. Be merciful unto us, most mer-

ciful Father. Forgive us all that is past ; and speak peace to our consciences, that we may serve Thee this day with quiet minds. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit. Go with us, we beseech Thee, to thy house of prayer. Grant that we may enter thy gates with thanksgiving, and thy courts with praise ; may we be thankful unto Thee, and bless thy Name. Let our prayers and praises, proceeding out of unfeigned lips, and offered up in spirit and in truth, prove a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable unto Thee through Jesus Christ.

O may we this day wait upon Thee in deep humility, that with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy word. May we be doers of the word, and not hearers only. May we watch and pray, lest the wicked one come and catch away that which is sown in our hearts.

Carry on in our souls, O Lord, the work of faith with power. Fulfil in us all the good pleasure of thy will. Sanctify us

wholly, body, soul, and spirit, and keep us by thy power, through faith unto salvation.

Remember for good our dear relations and friends. May all who are united to us by the ties of kindred or friendship, be savingly united to Thee by a living faith, and have fellowship with Thee, and with thy son, Jesus Christ. O Lord Jesus, Thou that sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father, and hast redeemed us with thy precious blood, grant that we may all be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

We would offer up our prayers, O Lord, for all those who shall this day wait on Thee in thy courts. Vouchsafe to renew their strength and enable them with joy to draw water out of the wells of salvation.

We pray for thy blessing upon all those who by illness, or any other necessity, are prevented from going up to the house of the Lord. Be Thou unto them as "a little sanctuary;" and refresh them with the dew of thy blessing.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Send down upon them the healthful Spirit of thy grace ; and abundantly bless and prosper their labours.

O Thou King of kings, and Lord of lords, take to Thee thy great power and reign. Let the nations which are now serving dumb idols, taken captive by Satan at his will, be brought, through the eternal Spirit, to worship Thee, the Father everlasting, and obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. O may it please Thee to have mercy upon all men ; and of thy gracious goodness shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom.

We do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. We have sinned and done wickedly ; but thy property is always to have mercy.

Now therefore, O Lord, hear : O Lord, forgive ; O Lord, hearken and do ; defer not for thine own sake, O our God, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our only Saviour. Amen.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

O Lord, Almighty God, most gracious and merciful Father, well may we say "our song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord." We come into thy presence again this evening to give Thee thanks for the many mercies bestowed upon us this day, and especially for the precious privileges we have enjoyed.

For ever blessed be thy Holy Name for this season of rest from worldly labour, and for teaching us to seek true rest in Thee. O that we may all know and feel that it is indeed good to wait on Thee. May our strength be renewed, our faith increased, and our hope confirmed by thine ordinances this day. Accept the free-will offering of our worship, and bless the word which we have heard in thy courts. Grant that by the effectual working of thy Holy Spirit, it may be profitable to us, for conviction of sin, for instruction in righteousness, and effectual to the salvation of all who are here before Thee.

O Lord, unto us belong shame and confusion of face, for whilst engaged in hearing thy word and calling upon thy holy name, our thoughts have wandered to earthly things. We have drawn near to Thee with the lips, while our hearts were far from Thee. We most earnestly implore thy pardoning mercy. We beseech Thee for Christ's sake, to forgive our iniquity, which is great indeed ; and may the burden of indwelling sin make us more ardently desirous of that period, when we hope to worship Thee without distraction, and to serve Thee as we ought to do.

Heavenly Father, bestow the abundance of thy mercy upon our fellow-worshippers everywhere, — upon the children of our sabbath schools, and especially on all thy ministering servants, whether ministering the Gospel to the Christian, the Heathen, or the Jew. Grant that in every place where thy word has been preached this day, many sinners may be turned by it to the Saviour, in penitence, faith, and love. O pour down thy Holy Spirit upon a world which lieth

in wickedness. Subdue and convert the enemies of the cross of Christ. Bring to nothing the designs of evil men. Put down all grievous error and false teaching, by which the heedless and unwary are blinded and fall.

Bless, O Lord, with a large increase of spiritual blessings, that Church to which we belong. Keep us, we beseech Thee, sound in the faith. Keep us in the right way ; so that we may not be carried about with every wind of doctrine. We pray for our Sovereign Lady, the Queen. Establish her throne in righteousness and peace ; and may she ever be the defender of thy true religion, and the promoter of all that is good.

We humbly beseech Thee, to bless our dear relations and friends ; may they all profit by thine ordinances. O graft in their hearts the love of thy name, and increase in them true religion.

And now, blessed Lord, we commit ourselves to thy care and protection. May it please Thee to watch over us for good, and

to receive us unto Thyself, so that sleeping or waking, living or dying, we may be thine eternally, through Jesus Christ, our ever-living Advocate and Mediator. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, we bless and praise Thee, that we are once more permitted to assemble in thy presence. May this our morning worship prove a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable in thy sight. Vouchsafe to help our infirmities ; and grant that through Christ, by thy Holy Spirit, we, thy sinful children, may now have access to Thee, most gracious Lord.

Before we enter again upon the engagements of another week, we desire to offer our unfeigned praises and thanksgivings for the rest and instruction of the past Sabbath, and earnestly to entreat thy grace that we may prove by our daily walk and conversa-

tion that we do indeed profit by thine ordinances.

What thanks do we owe Thee, O Heavenly Father, for thy sacred day—for calling off our attention from earthly pursuits, and for thus inviting us to seek thy face ! To us indeed much is given. May we never forget, that of us much will be required. O quicken us in the way of righteousness ; and grant, we beseech Thee, that none of us may be idle or unfruitful in our knowledge of the Lord.

And now that we are going to the various duties of our respective callings, we pray that we may still abide with Thee. In our most busy hours may we not lose a sense of thy presence. Let not the cares, or the allurements, of this present world, render us forgetful of the blessed truths we so lately heard in thy courts. May every gracious principle and holy disposition be strengthened and confirmed in us, and sin be mortified and destroyed by our attendance there.

Help us this day to rule our own spirits.

May no evil temper be indulged, and no sinful desire be cherished by any of us. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of our mouth. May the law of kindness be ever on our lips. May we hurt nobody by word or deed. Grant us grace to be kindly affectioned one to another. May no variance, evil surmisings, or divisions exist amongst us. Put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, with all malice ; and grant that, in honour preferring one another, we may walk in love ; as Thou, Lord, hast loved us, and given Thyself for us.

Hear us, O Heavenly Father, in behalf of others. We humbly beseech Thee to inspire continually thy universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord : and grant that all they who confess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. Give grace to all Bishops and Curates, that they may be examples to those who believe, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Continue thy protection and blessing to our Queen : and make our country to be a light among the nations of the earth ; holding forth the word of life.

May the Jews be speedily grafted into thy Church ; and may the receiving of them again be as life from the dead to the world. Let the ruler of the darkness of this world cease to blind the minds of the heathen. Destroy his power, O Lord, that he may no longer deceive the nations. Let the wickedness of the wicked be everywhere brought to an end, and let the whole earth be filled with thy glory.

Hear us, O thou God of our salvation, and have compassion upon our infirmities ; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all goodness, and the Giver and Preserver of all our good things, we desire to come before Thee with the voice of praise and thanksgiving.

Thou hast commanded us in everything to give thanks ; and we have abundant cause continually to bless and praise Thee. Our whole life is made up of mercies. During the past day we have largely experienced thy loving-kindness. Once more dost Thou permit us to meet together to recount thy gracious dealings with us.

O Lord, Thou mightest justly have withheld from us every benefit. We have done everything to forfeit thy favour ; yet dost Thou still favourably regard us. Thou suppliest our wants, deliverest us from danger, and strewest our path with comforts and blessings. Especially do we praise Thee for all our spiritual blessings,—for the gift of a Saviour, and for the hope of eternal life through Him ; for the gift of

the Holy Spirit also, through whose gracious influence we may repent, believe, and obey.

We thank Thee for all the precious promises of thy word ;—for its godly counsels and instructions. Thou knowest that we are not worthy of the least of all thy manifold mercies. With shame do we acknowledge that we have indeed ill requited Thee for all the great things which Thou hast done for us. And with earnest desire do we now entreat Thee, O Lord, to enable us for the time to come, to render to Thee more suitable returns for all thy mercies. Do thou cause us to believe thy Gospel with a more steady and lively faith. May we experience more of its consolations. May we yield a more entire obedience to its precepts. May we so feel the power of divine truth, that the thoughts of our hearts may become more pure and spiritual, and our whole conduct be more entirely conformed to thy holy will. We confess and deplore, O God, our sinfulness and weakness. Although the desire of our souls is unto

Thee, and to the remembrance of thy name, yet are we continually yielding to temptation. We fail in every duty, and come short in all that Thou requirest of us. O make us more watchful over our own hearts ! make us more humble also. Give unto us likewise a kind and tender spirit, that we may be ever ready to bear one another's burdens. Put away from us all selfishness ; and cause us to seek each other's welfare. May we ever study to promote the comfort of those around us. May we, who govern this household, ever do so with patience and kindness : and may they, who serve in this family, obey cheerfully ; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

O Lord, bless, we beseech Thee, our dear friends and relatives. Give them thankful and obedient hearts. Fill them with a spirit of unfeigned love, both towards Thee, and towards all men.

Remember with thy special favour all who are afflicted in mind, body, or estate.

Vouchsafe unto them the teaching and consolations of thy good Spirit.

We pray also for the success of thy Gospel throughout the world. Do thou command thy blessing to rest upon every effort to make known thy truth. Let Jew and Gentile speedily hear the joyful sound, and lead them to trust in the Lord Jesus for the salvation of their souls. May that blessed period soon arrive, when thy glory shall be revealed, and when all flesh shall see it together.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, O gracious Lord God ! Accept our feeble tribute of thanksgiving ; hearken to our prayers and intercessions ; and fulfil all our petitions, for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O Lord God Almighty, who dwellest in the heavens far above out of our sight, and

yet beholdest the inhabitants of the earth, once more we kneel as a Christian family before Thee, to renew our praises and thanksgivings for the mercies, which we daily receive at thy hands. We have lain down and slept, and Thou hast sustained us, and preserved us from harm. Continue to us thy mercy through the day : and enable us to remember that every day is thy gift, and is to be employed in the work which Thou hast given us to do.

What are we, Lord, that Thou hast made us to differ from so many in the world, in that Thou hast called us to the knowledge of thyself, and taught us to look upon Thee as our reconciled Father in Christ Jesus ! Through Him alone, O God, we dare approach Thee ; through Him Thou hast graciously called us, that being made thine adopted children, we may live in thy faith and fear, and walk before Thee in righteousness and holiness.

And yet, O Lord, if Thou art severe to mark what is done amiss, who may abide it ! Pardon our manifold transgressions,

and our daily infirmities : deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us according to our doings ; but pour down upon us the abundance of thy grace, that we may be renewed by thy Spirit more and more, and be made meet for the inheritance that is above. Deliver us from all the enemies of our salvation ; from the love of this present evil world, the corruptions of the flesh, and the assaults of the devil. Make thy ways so plain before us, and so full of invitations to us, that we may resolutely give up ourselves to follow Thee, and find in our own experience that the way of godliness alone is the way of pleasantness and peace. Establish, O Lord, and strengthen, and settle us ; that, going forth in thy strength, we may obey thy blessed will, and continue in thy fear and love to our lives' end.

These things we beg, not for ourselves alone, but for the whole race of sinful man. O bring nigh unto Thee by the blood of the cross, those who are still far off ; and make thy saving health more widely known, that

such as sit in darkness and the shadow of death, may see the light of thy truth and rejoice in thy salvation. Hasten, O Lord, the time, when all the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of thy beloved Son, and the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy glory.

Bless, we beseech Thee, with the gifts of thy providence, the inhabitants of this country wherein we dwell. Comfort all who want the comforts which we enjoy ; and apply thy merciful help to the several calamities and necessities of thy afflicted people, wheresoever and howsoever they are tried. Remember with thy gracious favour all our friends and kindred ; make them such as Thou wouldest have them, and such as in Christ Jesus Thou wilt mercifully accept, here to thy fatherly care, and hereafter to thy kingdom and glory.

And now, O Lord, that we are going forth to our work and to our labour until the evening, let thy fatherly hand be over us, to preserve us from all sin, and from every kind of danger. Enable us day by day, so

watchfully to maintain our needful connexion with the world, that neither its temptations, cares, business, nor pleasures, may make us unmindful of that heavenly kingdom, for which this mortal life is designed to prepare us, by the faith and through the mediation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O Lord, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all grace, assist us to draw near to Thee. Thou art the hearer of prayer. O teach us to pray. Pour upon us the Spirit of grace and supplication.

We draw near to Thee, O Lord, not pleading our own righteousness, for we are sinners, whose offences are multiplied, and we justly deserve Thy wrath. It is only because Thou art unchangeable in mercy and in truth, that we are not consumed. The manifold sins of this day, the guilt of duties

neglected, as well as of actual transgressions, —evil not resisted with steadfastness, and good not performed with alacrity and perseverance—bring us once more in humiliation before Thee.

Yet we come to thy throne, O our God, guilty and weak as we are, with humble confidence and hope ; for we come in the new and living way, which Thou hast opened to Thyself, through the Saviour's atoning blood. O regard us favourably, not for our sake, but for His.

Cancel the guilt of this day. Speak renewed peace to our consciences. Remove all trouble from our minds. Bid the cares of life retire from our bosoms ; and cheer our souls with the joys of thy salvation, the comforts of thy presence, and the hope of thy glory.

May the Spirit of love and holiness dwell with us ; and may thy nourishing, sheltering providence restore our wearied powers by sleep, guard us this night from danger, and fit us for the active services of another day.

May all our dear relations and friends

share with us in thy favour and love. May thy grace visit their souls, and thy providence govern their interests, and thy care secure them from all threatening ills.

Have compassion, O Lord, upon the Heathen, and send the light of thy Gospel to all the dark places of the earth. The harvest is great, and the labourers few : send forth, O Lord, we beseech Thee, more labourers into thy harvest.

Take the veil from the hearts of thine ancient people Israel, that they may turn to the Lord, and look on Him whom they have pierced, and mourn with godly sorrow.

Upon our Church and Queen cause thy richest blessings to rest : as a nation may righteousness exalt our land. Banish from our country, infidelity, superstition, and all which perverts the Gospel. Frustrate the devices of Antichrist, and deliver us from all the powers of darkness. May the truth as it is in Jesus, be received by faith into the affections of all around us. O pity those who are broken in heart, and bind up all their wounds.

We thank Thee, most gracious God, for the supply of our wants, the multitude of our blessings and comforts ; and, above all, for that eternal life, which is given us in Christ Jesus, the Lord.

Now unto Him, who is able to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Thou most merciful Lord God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we offer unto Thee our humble and hearty thanks for the mercies of the past night. Glory be to thy name for all the goodness which we continually experience at thy gracious hands. We acknowledge ourselves unworthy of the least of all thy mercies. We are sinners, miserable sinners in thy sight As such we come into thy presence,

confessing our numberless transgressions in thought, word, and deed. We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep ; and there is no health in us. Ruined, helpless, and undone, we again fly this morning for refuge to the cross of Christ ; desiring to be found in Him. O wash us in his precious blood from all our sins ; clothe us with the spotless robe of his righteousness ; give us thy Holy Spirit for his sake, that we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and conformed to his holy image.

We pray Thee, O Heavenly Father, to be with us this day, and to preserve us from all evil, spiritual and temporal. Give us such things as Thou seest to be for our real good ; and enable us in our whole life and conversation to act as becometh thy children. May we be constantly mindful that thine eye is upon us ; and may we exercise ourselves to have always a conscience void of offence, both towards Thee and towards men. Give us grace, O Lord, to be anxiously careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,

to make our requests known unto Thee ; and may thy peace, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. And prepare us for our last great and solemn change ; so that when flesh and heart shall fail, we may find that Thou art the strength of our hearts and our portion for ever.

We beseech Thee, also, to bless and keep all those who are near and dear to us. Visit them with thy great salvation, and provide for each of them as their particular circumstances require.

And look, O most gracious God, with mercy on thy whole church. Bless thy people, wherever they are ; and enable them to shine as lights in a dark world, that others may "take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus." Let thy ways be everywhere known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Give abundant success to all missionary efforts ; and hasten the time when Jew and Gentile shall form one fold under one Shepherd.

We entreat Thee on behalf of our country,

that true religion may flourish amongst us. Bless both spiritually and temporally our Sovereign Lady, the Queen. Give her much of that "wisdom, which is from above;" and ever vouchsafe to direct the minds of her counsellors. Continue to us our many great and undeserved privileges; and make us as a nation truly thankful for them.

We desire to commend to thy fatherly goodness the sick and the afflicted. Enable them to call upon Thee in the time of trouble; and may they find Thee a very present help, a sure refuge and support. And grant unto each of us, O Lord, that by thy grace we may have an abiding sense of the uncertainty of all earthly things, and ever live as dying creatures in a dying world. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, gracious Father. Pardon, accept, and bless us, for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O God, "Thou preservest man and beast ; great is thy faithfulness." Thou hast spared us, thy sinful creatures, to see the close of another day. We have deserved to be cast off for our little improvement of the renewed opportunities of usefulness, which Thou hast granted us ; but mercy has rejoiced over judgment. For ever blessed be thy holy name ! May all that is within us praise Thee for "the wonders that Thou doest for the children of men."

We thank Thee, O our God, that Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, neither rewarded us according to our iniquities. We thank Thee that Thou hast made such a blessed provision for our pardon in Jesus Christ. We thank Thee that Thou hast established with Him "a covenant, ordered in all things and sure." O be ever mindful of that covenant, Lord ; and enable us to lay firmer hold of the blessed hope set be-

fore us in thy Gospel. Reveal thy Son to us in all his glorious perfections, that we may see such beauty in Him, that we shall desire nothing in comparison of Him. May thy Holy Spirit convince us more deeply of our own exceeding sinfulness, and make us better acquainted with the plague of our own hearts. May none of us be ignorant of the sin which doth most easily beset us ; and do Thou grant us grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to cast it from us !

In looking back on the past day, O Lord, we are covered with shame and confusion of face to find that Thou hast been so little in our thoughts, and that we have so little sought to please Thee. What foolish, worldly, and sinful thoughts have lodged in our minds ; what vain and trifling words proceeded from our lips. Against Thee, have we greatly sinned, and done much evil in thy sight. Pardon us, most gracious Lord : for Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all our numberless transgressions.

But whilst our consciences thus accuse us of unfaithfulness to Thee our God, what

love has been manifested on Thy part ; what abundant blessings hast Thou vouchsafed to us, temporal and spiritual, known and unknown ! Thou hast continued to us the enjoyment of our religious privileges. Thou hast fed our bodies with food convenient for them, and clothed them with suitable apparel, and multiplied our comforts on every side. O do Thou accept our praises and thanksgivings ; and draw us, O most gracious Father, we entreat Thee, with these cords of love to more entire devotedness to Thee. May thy mercies lead us to present ourselves, our souls and bodies, unto Thee, a living sacrifice, which is our reasonable service.

Let the close of this day remind us that our time is short, and that the night cometh in which none can work. O our God, prepare us to meet Thee ; make us ready for thy coming : may we be among the number of those, whom Thou, when Thou comest, shalt find watching. To this end, stir us up, O Lord, we entreat Thee, to greater watchfulness, to more diligent

self-examination ; and make us more holy and more heavenly-minded.

O Lord, we commit ourselves, and all near and dear to us, to thy care this night. Keep us, we entreat Thee, from everything which may harm our bodies or our souls. And if it be thy will to preserve us through this night, and to permit us to awake up again in this world, give us grace to run with increased patience the race that is set before us, ever "looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith."

Hear us, O our God, and answer us abundantly, for His name's sake. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Almighty and most merciful Father, great art Thou, and greatly to be praised. From Thee cometh every good and perfect gift. Our temporal and spiritual mercies are all from Thee. To Thee we are indebted for the refreshing rest of the night. By thy goodness we are permitted as a Christian

family again to assemble together, and to offer up unto thy Divine Majesty our united supplications and praises.

What are we, O God, that Thou art thus mindful of us, and hast mercifully opened for us sinners, a way of access to Thyself, through Jesus Christ our Lord ! We are not worthy to draw near to Thee, much less to call Thee "our Father." For we have sinned against Thee, and have done evil in thy sight. Thou knowest our numberless faults : all our sins are in the light of thy countenance. Let not thy wrathful indignation go forth against us, lest we perish. But look upon the Son of thy love, our adorable Saviour, and extend thy mercy to us. For his sake pardon and heal our souls. Being justified by faith in Him, may we now have peace with Thee, through his atoning blood. We thank Thee, most gracious God, that Thou didst send Him into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. May the Holy Ghost take of the things of Jesus, and show them unto us ;

that we may know Him, love Him, and serve Him faithfully unto our life's end.

Keep us this day from falling into sin ; and from following the devices and desires of our own hearts. Keep us in the way in which we ought to go, that we may not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. Make us watchful and circumspect in our daily walk. O enable us to behave ourselves wisely in a perfect way. Preserve us from anger, wrath, malice, evil-speaking, lying and slandering, and from every other unchristian temper and feeling. May we each endeavour, as in the sight of God, faithfully to discharge the duties to which we are severally appointed.

May we all feel thankful for the privilege of dwelling together in a Christian family, where we enjoy the opportunity of daily instruction and prayer. May we ever seek to make this a season of heartfelt communion with Thee.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to hear and accept these our humble petitions, and to grant unto us this day all things which be

needful, as well for the body as the soul. Above all we beseech Thee to grant that we may enjoy the light of thy reconciled countenance, shining upon us through Jesus Christ ; to whom, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, we would now and ever ascribe all honour and glory, dominion and power, world without end. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O Eternal and ever-blessed God, we thy needy, sinful creatures, desire now to draw nigh to Thee, to render to Thee our feeble praises for all thy past mercies, and to implore the continuance of thy goodness towards us.

We adore Thee as the God of all grace, who art faithful to all thy covenant engagements, and able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

O reject not our imperfect services. Cast us not away from thy presence ; and withhold not from us the blessings which we

need. We are indeed sinful and unworthy creatures. We have rebelled against thy holy will. Each day has our guilt been increased. Our only hope is in thy free and unmerited mercy : and we bless Thee that Thou hast encouraged us to implore and expect mercy at Thy hands, for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ. It is in his name, and trusting only to his mediation, that we now unite together in beseeching Thee, O God, to be merciful unto us, and to forgive us all our sins. O refresh and comfort us with a sense of thy pardoning love, that we may now lie down on our beds in peace.

Cause thy truth, O Lord, to shine with increasing power into our hearts ; and dispose us, not only to rejoice in it ourselves, but also to be zealous in diffusing it. Pity our ignorance and liability to err ; and keep us from being led astray. Grant us a right judgment in all things. Let not any iniquity have dominion over us. Let our hearts be sound in thy statutes. Make us more watchful against everything which

may tend to grieve thy Holy Spirit ; and may his gracious influences descend more abundantly on us, and on thy universal Church.

May pure and undefiled religion rule in all our hearts. May it prevail in this parish. May it increase in all parts of our country. May it spread throughout the earth. Prosper, we beseech Thee, all the efforts which are now being made for the spread of the Gospel.

Raise up multitudes of devoted ministers both in this and other lands : fit them for their arduous work, and grant them abundant success in it. Give them a living faith, and fill them with wisdom, zeal, humility, and love to Christ, and to precious souls.

Let thy word have free course and be glorified, in the conversion of sinners, in the overthrow of Satan's usurped dominion, and in the enlargement, the purification, and the edification of thy Church. In all lands may there be numbers daily added to the Lord, of such as shall be saved.

Be pleased of thy great mercy, to relieve and comfort all our fellow-creatures who are suffering from pain, anxiety, or trouble of any kind.

And especially we would commend to Thee all those who are appointed unto death, whose time of departure draweth nigh. Prepare them by thy grace for the change which awaits them : and keep us ever mindful, that we too, must shortly depart hence, to be no more seen in this world. May the prospect of the solemn account which we must then give of ourselves to Thee, excite us to greater earnestness in working out our salvation.

O grant that we may all daily walk by faith and not by sight, ever striving to please Thee, and to do thy holy will.

Hear us, O merciful God : accept our praises and thanksgivings for all thy mercies, and answer our prayers, for the sake of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Lord God Almighty, merciful and gracious Father, we present ourselves before Thee, trusting in the mediation of thy Son. In Him, who for us hath died and risen again, Thou art well pleased. May we, whose hope is in Him, and our prayer which we offer in His name, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our God.

Thou, Lord, hast been our preserver from our days of infancy unto this hour. It is Thou who hast made us to dwell in safety through the past night, and we meet once more surrounded by the bounties of thy good providence ; with thy good word still for our guide, and the promise of thy Spirit to be our effectual teacher and sure comforter. Accept our thanks for these and all thine innumerable mercies ; and grant that the day upon which we have now entered may be so spent as to express

the gratitude which ought to influence us each day and hour of our lives.

May we be constrained by thy love to discharge with diligence our various duties. May all be done as under the eye of our Heavenly Father, and in the name, and by the strength, and after the example of our Lord and Saviour. May we be as He was in this world; reflecting in our lives and conduct the meekness, and lowliness, the patience, and love, which shone so brightly in Him. May we keep our bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity, and guard our tongues from all evil-speaking, lying, and slandering. May we hurt nobody by word or deed. May we be true and just in all our dealings, and bear not the least malice or hatred in our hearts.

In every relation which we bear to our fellow-creatures, grant that we may study to glorify Thee, who hast taught us to love others as ourselves.

Guard us in the hour of temptation, whether in prosperity or adversity. May

we never be ashamed of Thee, nor of thy word, but be bold in our God to do the thing that is right under all circumstances.

Be Thou, O Lord, our strength and our support this morning ; our help also, and our defence, in every time of trouble.

Bless, we beseech Thee, our dear relations and friends, and guide their hearts into the way of peace. Comfort, we pray Thee, all that are desolate, and all that are oppressed. Show pity upon all prisoners and captives. Deliver the slave from his bitter bondage. Be very gracious to them that are in bonds for the testimony of Jesus, and enable them to rejoice that they are counted worthy to suffer for His name.

Prepare us all for the trials which may await us ; and give us hearts to feel more for the wants and woes of others, and a greater readiness to deny ourselves that we may promote their welfare.

O Thou God of love and peace, who broughtest again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting cove-

nant, make us perfect in every good work to do thy will, working in us that which is well pleasing in thy sight.

Hear this our prayer, most gracious Lord ; and be merciful unto us, and forgive us all our sins, and heal our souls, for the sake of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Holy and eternal God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, we thine unworthy servants venture into thy presence to offer unto Thee our evening prayer. Hear us, we beseech Thee, for His sake, who by the shedding of his precious blood, hath made atonement for our sins and opened a way of approach to thy mercy-seat. For the sake of Jesus Christ, look mercifully upon us, and bless us.

We thank Thee for thy care over us through the day, and that we are permitted in health and peace, to meet again at thy

footstool. It is of thy great mercy that we can thus as a family again bow down and worship before Thee.

Pardon, we pray Thee, the sins of this day, whereinsoever we have failed in the discharge of our respective duties ; whereinsoever we have yielded to evil tempers or a worldly spirit, or whereinsoever we may have dishonoured Thee. O Lord, in our best estate, we are unprofitable servants ; we always come far short of what is required of us. We need daily to be cleansed in the blood of Jesus Christ : wash us therein, and we shall be clean.

And O accept, we pray Thee, our poor services, imperfect as they are, for His sake ; and help us to serve Thee more faithfully. May we watch against the sins into which we have fallen. May we have grace to resist the temptations to which we are exposed, and courage to confess Christ at all times. May our hearts be drawn towards Him continually, as our divine Redeemer, and ever living Intercessor. May we always look to Him as our only hope.

Grant, O Lord God, that our hearts may burn with gratitude to Thee, who dost condescend to pardon such unworthy sinners as we are, and to count us thy dear children in Christ. Under a deep sense of this thy wondrous love, may we serve Thee in faithfulness and truth all the days of our lives, and hereafter may we all meet around thy throne to praise Thee for ever in heaven.

Look mercifully, we entreat Thee, upon our relations and friends. Incline their hearts to seek thy face. Strengthen their souls with thy grace, and confirm them in that which is good. Be gracious unto our neighbours. Convert the ungodly ; and strengthen the hands of those who fear thy name and love thy service.

Bless the Queen, and all in authority. May they ever rule according to thy word. Look favourably, we pray Thee, on thy Church. Raise up faithful and devoted bishops and pastors, to feed thy flock with the pure truth of thy word. May thy Holy Spirit render the preaching of thy

word effectual, both at home and abroad, to the conversion of Jew and Gentile.

Be with thy servants who are gone forth as missionaries. Grant them to enjoy thy presence ; and protect and support them in all their trials and labours. O Lord, revive thy work ; make bare thy holy arm in the sight of the nations. May the earth soon be full of the knowledge of thy glory, “as the waters cover the sea.”

Take us, we beseech Thee, under thy care during the night. May we each commit our body and soul to thy keeping. Do Thou, Lord, mercifully preserve us from all evil. May our bodies enjoy that rest which is needful to fit them for the fulfilment of our several duties ; and may our souls enjoy rest and peace in Jesus Christ.

We ask all in the name and for the sake of the same gracious Saviour, thy Son, our Lord, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O Thou, who inhabitest eternity, whose name is holy, in whom we live and move and have our being, we desire to approach Thee with a deep sense of our unworthiness of the least of all thy mercies. We deserve nothing but thy wrath. Thou hast been mindful of us, when we were regardless of Thee ; and it is only through thy boundless love and compassion that any of us can now draw near to Thee as a reconciled God and Father in Christ. Brought by thy mercy to the beginning of another day, with bodies refreshed and invigorated by sleep, we prostrate ourselves at the throne of grace, beseeching Thee to accept and bless us, even us—for whom Christ died.

But what will it profit us, O our God and Father, that Thou shouldest thus renew our lives and bodily comforts, if Thou renewest not also a right spirit within us. O baptize us afresh this morning with thy Holy Spirit : increase our faith in Jesus

Christ ; and justify us from all those things, from which we cannot otherwise be justified than through the continual sprinkling of his most precious blood. Make us to be pure in heart and holy in life. Cause us to abound more and more in every good word and work. May we all prove our interest in Christ by bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit ; and may our union with Him be more distinctly seen from day to day by our more perfect conformity to his image. Give us victory over the enemies of our souls. Living in a world that lieth in wickedness, preserve us from its various temptations and snares. Give us, we entreat Thee, such a realizing view of heavenly blessedness, that we may sit loose to the things of time and sense.

Subdue, O God, the remainder of corruption within us : cleanse us from secret faults ; wash us continually in the fountain which Thou hast opened. Keep us mindful of the deceitfulness of sin, lest we be hardened by it. Give us grace to search

and try our ways continually, and lead Thou us in the way everlasting.

Bless abundantly, we beseech Thee, all whom we should more especially remember before Thee. Bless our dear relations and friends. Give light to those who are in spiritual darkness : give joy to those who are mourning for sin ; and to them all give "everlasting consolation and good hope through grace."

Bless our rulers ; and make them a blessing to those whom Thou hast committed to their charge. Incline their hearts to rule in thy fear, and to thy glory. Bless thy ministering servants both at home and abroad. May their hearts be comforted and their hands strengthened by thy gracious answers to the prayers of thy people in their behalf.

And, O our God, have compassion on all who are ignorant and out of the way ; on the ungodly in this land, and on the Heathen in distant lands. Turn Thou them, and they shall be turned. Bring them home,

blessed Lord, to thy fold. Make thy Son's name a praise even to the uttermost parts of the earth. May all nations be blessed in Him, and all be brought to call Him blessed.

And now, Lord, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to go forth to the discharge of our various duties, "leaning on the beloved;" remembering that we are but strangers and pilgrims upon the earth, and seeking so to pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things that are eternal.

Hear us, and answer us, most gracious Father, for His sake, who has loved us, and given himself for us, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Most gracious and ever-blessed God, we desire with deep reverence and unfeigned humility to come into Thy holy presence. We know that in thy favour is life. Hear us, therefore, while we heartily entreat

Thee to bestow upon us those various blessings, of which we stand so much in need. Hear us now and at all times for the sake of Him, in whom alone we can have boldness to approach Thee.

We present ourselves before Thee, desirous of confessing the sins of the past week. We have, during the course of it, greatly added to the number of our transgressions. O holy and heart-searching God, Thou hast marked all our secret faults, as well as our more open transgressions. All our want of faith in Thee, and want of love to Thee, all our worldliness and vanity, all our want of patience and submission, our cold prayers and comparatively lifeless services, are open to thine all-seeing eye. Thou knowest how we have failed, each of us, in the several duties which we owe to one another. We have not sufficiently borne each other's burdens. We have looked too much upon our own things, and not enough upon the things of others. We have been deficient in kindness and in love, in meekness and in gen-

tleness. We have also been prone to justify ourselves, and to find fault with others. Well may we fear to lift up our eyes unto Thee, O God, for Thou hast set all our iniquities before Thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. O Lord, we humble ourselves at thy foot-stool: not only do we bend our knees in prayer, but we desire to bow down our souls before Thee. Unto us belong shame and confusion of face.

And yet, O most merciful Father, we hope, we pray for forgiveness. Hast Thou not said that if we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive them. Forgive us, therefore, we earnestly entreat Thee. We plead the merits of thy dear Son, for whose sake Thou delightest to show mercy and to forgive. Justify us, we beseech Thee, through faith in his all-sufficient merits. For his sake grant us pardon and peace.

We entreat Thee, O Lord, to visit us with thy favour on the ensuing Sabbath. May it prove to us a season of refreshing

from thy presence. So many of these precious seasons have been lost to us through our negligence and worldliness, that we do now especially entreat Thee to pour out upon us thy Holy Spirit ; that we may maintain on the morrow a spiritual frame of mind both in public and in private. Keep us from thinking our own thoughts, and speaking our own words, and following our own ways. May we rise in the morning filled with holy desires to profit by thine ordinances, that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge and love of Thee.

We beseech Thee to bless thy servants who minister in holy things. Let those who are appointed to teach others be themselves taught of Thee. Qualify them for the duties of their high calling, and give them great success. May thy Spirit so accompany thy word, that we may each, according to our respective need, be awakened, convinced, instructed, established, or comforted in thy sanctuary.

We pray for those in every land, who teach and preach Jesus Christ. May they

enjoy on the morrow thy presence and blessing. Look down in mercy upon all congregations which shall assemble in thy name. Vouchsafe unto them the gracious gifts and influences of thy Spirit. May the number of thy faithful people increase more and more ; and may they daily become a more holy, happy, and useful people, devoutly given to serve Thee in all good works.

We pray, O Lord, that thy word may be speedily sent forth into all lands, and that both Jew and Gentile may receive the love of the truth, that they may be saved.

And now that another week of mercies, multiplied each hour, is drawing to a close, we would heartily praise Thee, the Giver of them all. Bless the Lord, O our souls ; and all that is within us praise his holy name.

O Lord God, do Thou hear and answer us. Pardon the imperfection of our prayers, and be Thou graciously pleased to accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fourth Week.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast graciously brought us to the beginning of this day, pour down thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may spend it in thy fear and to thy glory.

We bless and praise thy holy name for thy merciful preservation of us during the night and for thy great goodness in allowing us to see another Sabbath day. May it prove to each of us a season of holy rest and refreshing.

Be with us in thy house of prayer. Give unto us the hearing ear, the understanding mind, and the believing heart. May it be our desire to hear what God, the Lord,

shall say to us. May we receive the word preached, not as the word of man, but as the word of God ; and may it work effectually in us, as in all that believe. O let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of thy word ; remembering that we hear for eternity, and ever bearing in mind that strict account of the use of our Sabbath privileges, which we must one day give at the judgment-seat of Christ.

We confess that we have not profited by them as we should have done ; we have not increased in holiness in proportion to our many privileges. Thou mightest justly have cut us down as cumberers of the ground. O for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past, and grant us grace so to improve this Sabbath, that it may increase our meetness for that eternal rest, which remains for the people of God.

Bless all thy faithful ministers. May they determine to know nothing among their flocks, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified : enable them rightly to divide

the word of truth, giving to every one his portion in due season. Let this be the day of thy power, when numbers shall be led in all earnestness of soul to inquire, "What must I do to be saved?" O satisfy thy poor with bread, and make thy people joyful in the house of prayer. May numbers be this day added to the Church of such as shall be saved.

Bless all thy servants who are labouring in heathen lands, whether among Jews or Gentiles. O that it may please Thee shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom.

Give thine abundant blessing to all Sabbath Schools. Open the hearts of those who are trained therein to attend unto the instructions which are given them.

We earnestly implore thy blessing upon all who may be prevented by sickness or any other lawful impediment, from attending thy house of prayer. Lord, sanctify and bless them : supply all their need out of thy riches in glory by Christ Jesus. O let not their hearts be troubled by thy pro-

vidential dealings with them ; but multiply upon them thy mercies, that as their trials abound, so their consolations may also abound.

And finally, we entreat Thee to have mercy upon those who have no mercy on themselves, but live in forgetfulness of Thee, and in neglect of thy house of prayer : grant them to know, before it is too late, the things that belong to their everlasting peace : turn their hearts unto Thee ; and draw them to thyself here, that they may live with Thee for ever.

Hear us and answer us, O God, in the multitude of thy mercies, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

O Eternal and ever blessed God, our gracious and merciful Father, who hast set apart this sacred day for the rest and refreshment of our souls, how amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts ! Truly a

day in thy courts and in thy presence, is better than a thousand. We would come before Thee this evening with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, for Thou hast caused us to approach unto Thee, and hast refreshed us with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that this day's employment, its worship, and instructions, may be the means of preparing our souls for the nobler, the lasting services of thy glorious temple above. Impress, O Lord, upon our minds, the truths to which we have listened. May thy word be hid in our hearts, that we may not forget Thee, that we may not sin against Thee, that we may be sanctified, guided, saved, by its influence, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

We lament the wandering of our thoughts in thy service, the coldness of our affections, the weakness of our faith. Our best attempts to serve Thee, O Lord, fill us with shame and confusion of face. Pardon the iniquity of our holy things, and heal our

infirmities. May our poor imperfect services, sprinkled by the blood of Jesus, and purified by his merit, be accepted by Thee. O for that day, when we hope to serve Thee perfectly, when our services shall be free from sin.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O God, that the word of thy grace may have free course and be glorified. May multitudes in this and in other lands be brought by it in humiliation and repentance to the Saviour's feet, and find in Him "wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption."

Confirm to the hearts of thy children the words of peace, which have been addressed to them this day. May all thy people go into the business of life again, to be doers of thy word ; and strengthen them with might by thy Spirit in the inner man, that they may adorn the doctrine of Christ their Saviour in all things.

Suffer none of the faithful ministers of thy Gospel to labour in vain and to spend their strength for nought. Abundantly

water the seed which they have sown. May it take root in many hearts, and bring forth fruit unto life eternal.

Prepare us, O Lord, for the engagements of the morrow. May our profiting by thine ordinances appear more and more. May we think, speak, and act, during the ensuing week, under the consciousness of thine observing eye ; exercising faith in thy promises, obeying thy will, and trusting in thy grace and providence.

To thy blessing we commend ourselves this night. May we lay down in peace and sleep, confiding in Thee, O Lord, who alone canst make us to dwell in safety.

Hear us, most gracious Father, for we ask in the Redeemer's name ; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

Most gracious and merciful Father, Lord of all power and might, who hast permitted us once again to kneel before thy mercy-seat, vouchsafe to accept for thy dear Son's sake, the praises and thanksgivings, with which we begin this day. We acknowledge that we are utterly unworthy of the least of thy mercies. For our evil deeds we justly deserve to be punished, yet by thy merciful goodness we are continually spared and protected, relieved and comforted. May these abundant tokens of thy favour lead us to devote more entirely to thy service the lives, which thy preserving care prolongs.

Refreshed by the peaceful calm of thy sacred day, and strengthened by its ordinances, we are now about to enter again on the various duties of our respective stations in life. Grant, we beseech Thee, that all the good impressions and holy principles produced by thy word and Spirit

in thy sanctuary, may permanently abide with us. Enable us diligently and faithfully to employ the time and the talents Thou hast given. Let none of us be entangled with the affairs of this life, but may all our labour of body and mind be undertaken with an eye to thy glory. Thou knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright : grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger. Keep in our minds a constant sense of thy presence. Let the remembrance that Thou, O God, seest us, check the wandering thought of sin, and lead us, even in our humblest employments, to set Thee always before our face. Subdue in us all unholy desires, and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Thou knowest, O Lord, the peculiar circumstances of each one here before Thee. Thou knowest the sins which most easily beset us, and the particular temptations which most readily lead us astray. O Thou

that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desires of such as be sorrowful, comfort, relieve, and strengthen each one of us, according to our several necessities ; and enable us at all times, in the exercise of a lively faith, to cast our burdens upon Thee.

Hear our prayers, O heavenly Father, in behalf of those whom we ought to remember at thy throne of grace. Bless our Sovereign, the Queen ; and teach her senators true wisdom. Be gracious to thy Church, and give her pastors after thine own heart. Pour out abundantly upon our bishops and clergy the healthful spirit of thy grace. Preserve them from all error in doctrine ; and, avoiding foolish questions and strifes of words, may they feed thy flock with wholesome truth. Bless especially the parish where Thou hast appointed our dwelling, and the minister from whose lips we seek knowledge. Have mercy upon a world that lieth in wickedness, and send forth labourers to sow the seed of the kingdom and to gather in the harvest, where

thy Gospel is not yet known. Be pleased, O God, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and hasten thy kingdom, that we, with all those that are departed in the faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in thy eternal and everlasting glory ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

Hear us, O Lord God Almighty, when we cry unto Thee : draw near to us, when we draw near to Thee ; and help us so to ask that we may have, so to seek that we may find, and so to knock at the door of mercy that it may be opened unto us.

We come before Thee in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ. We make mention of His righteousness only, having none of our own. Guilty and unclean as we are, we plead his merits as being alone acceptable in thy sight. We look to his atoning sacrifice as the only ground of our hope ; and

we pray, that being justified by faith, we may have peace with Thee through our Lord Jesus Christ. For his sake pardon the sins of this day, and of all our past lives.

Cause us, we beseech Thee, to know more of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Let the eyes of our understanding be enlightened, that we may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to those who believe. Dispose us to search the Scriptures daily, and to delight in them increasingly. Grant us a right knowledge of thy holy word. Teach us, O Lord, to believe its doctrines, to rejoice in its promises, and to obey its commands. Make thy way plain before us ; and grant that we may run therein and not be weary, and walk and not faint.

May we be so sensible of our own unworthiness, as always to walk humbly with Thee our God ; and may we at the same time so fully perceive the value of Christ's

salvation, as to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in every time of need. Pour upon us the spirit of grace and of supplication. Dispose us to look to Thee for direction in difficulty, and for relief in distress, and to cast all our care upon Thee, assured that Thou carest for us.

We commit ourselves to thy care and protection this night. May we lie down to rest at peace with Thee, and with all mankind. And may the thought that we are one day nearer to our latter end, stir us up to a more diligent use of the means of grace, and a more entire dedication of ourselves to Thee.

Hear us, O Lord, on behalf of others. Be gracious, we beseech Thee, unto our country. Bless our Sovereign Lady, the Queen ; and grant unto her counsellors much of that wisdom, which is from above. Raise up faithful men to fill all high offices in Church and State. Prosper the labours of thy ministering servants. Restrain the overflowings of ungodliness. Frustrate the

devices of Antichrist. Deliver us from all the assaults of the powers of darkness, and let pure and undefiled religion increase and prevail. And bless all other countries with the privileges we enjoy. Let thy word have free course in all lands ; thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

We thank Thee for all thine abundant mercies, both temporal and spiritual ; and we pray for grace to value them and to profit by them, as we ought to do. Leave us not, nor forsake us, O God of our salvation ; but be Thou our guide through life, our hope in death, and our portion in eternity.

Grant these our petitions, O merciful Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Most blessed Lord God, who art the Author of all good, we would glorify thy Holy Name. We know that all our blessings are

derived from Thee. May the thought inspire our hearts with gratitude, and promote in us a constant spirit of dependence.

We bless Thee for thy care of us during the night past, and implore its continuance. May thine eye watch over us, and thine arm guard us through the day which is begun. We are weak, and ignorant, and sinful. We need the blood of Christ to cleanse us, and his Holy Spirit to sanctify us continually. O may we all be partakers of his great salvation. "Accepted in the Beloved," may we have peace with Thee ; and in the belief that Thou art reconciled to us, may we find the most constraining motive to universal holiness. May we habitually feel that we have been redeemed from sin and hell, that we may be wholly thine.

Do Thou subdue in us the love of this world, and raise our hearts to a better. Make us to live as pilgrims and strangers, who look for a city which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God. Help us to overcome our peculiar temptations, and to sacrifice whatever is opposed to Thee.

May we not count our lives dear to us, so that we may finish our course with joy.

And as we have no power of ourselves to resist evil, or to do good, O do Thou strengthen us for duty, and succour us in trial, and never leave us nor forsake us. Enable us daily to act as under thy all-seeing eye, and with a constant reference to judgment and eternity. Give us meek hearts and gentle tempers, that we may live peaceably with all men, and adorn the doctrine of our Saviour by holy lives and heavenly dispositions. May we be tolerant of the faults of others, and seek in all ways to promote their happiness.

Bless, O Lord, all our relations and friends. Bestow upon them thy Holy Spirit. Bless our country. May the Queen's throne be established in righteousness, and hereafter grant her to receive a crown of glory. Bless all our borders with righteousness and peace. May our clergy be patterns to their flocks ; and may many appear as their crown of rejoicing in the

great day. Look down with compassion on the poor and afflicted ; and dispose our hearts to feel for them. Have mercy on all nations that yet sit in darkness, and may the day-spring from on high visit them. O guide and comfort those who labour amongst them in the Gospel of thy dear Son. Multiply faithful teachers and pastors in all lands. Pour out of thy Spirit upon all flesh, and let all the ends of the earth rejoice in thy salvation.

And all this we ask for His sake, who hath died that we might live, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Almighty and most merciful Father, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we do not presume to approach Thee, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We have sinned this day ; we have left undone that which we ought to have done, and done that which we ought not to have done. We have fallen short of thy glory and of our own resolutions. But Thou art the same God, whose property is always to have mercy. Forgive our transgressions for Jesus Christ's sake. We plead the covenant Thou hast been pleased to make with us in Him, wherein Thou hast declared, "their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

Grant, O Lord, that we may go to rest this night with consciences at peace with Thee through the blood of atonement ; and restore by the grace of thy Holy Spirit whatever in us hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by our own carnal will and frailty. May this day's experience teach us how utterly sinful and helpless we are in ourselves, and lead us to cleave more entirely to Jesus, our only life and strength.

O Lord, look graciously upon us as a family. May love and peace prevail through-

out this house. May we all have grace to discharge faithfully the duties of our several stations, ever seeking to please Thee and to glorify thy name.

And if there be any among us whose heart is still far from Thee, in thy mercy, O Father, gather the wanderers into thy fold, that not one of us may be lacking in the day when the Lord shall make up his jewels.

Pour down thy blessing, most gracious Father, upon thy whole Church ; that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Especially remember in mercy our own country. Bless our Queen, her consort, and her children. Increase the number of faithful ministers ; and may thy word have free course and be glorified. Have mercy on this parish. Strengthen and enlighten those who minister therein ; and add continually to the Church such as shall be saved.

May thy Gospel be abundantly and successfully published in heathen lands. And speedily gather, O Lord, thine ancient people Israel; and hasten the day when the receiving of them shall be as life from the dead to the world.

Accept, heavenly Father, our hearty thanksgivings for all thy mercies, temporal and spiritual. Help us to show forth thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, and daily to improve thy gifts for thy glory.

We commend these our prayers, O God, to the intercession of our great Redeemer, and sum them up in his perfect form of words—

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O gracious and merciful God, by whose good providence we are brought to the beginning of this day, give us grace to draw near to Thee with grateful and contrite hearts. It is because thy mercies are new

every morning, that we are again assembled here before Thee in health and peace.

We humbly confess that in the days that are past, we have often forgotten Thee, and lived without God in the world. We have been unprofitable servants. We have slighted thy mercies, rebelled against thy laws, grieved thy Holy Spirit, and neglected thy dear Son. Our sins are more in number than the hairs of our head, and expose us to thy just and heavy displeasure. Yet we beseech Thee, enter not into judgment with us, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. We have no refuge, no hope but in Christ. Wash us in his atoning blood, cleanse us from all our sins, and make us accepted in Christ, "the Beloved."

Give us a lively faith, O heavenly Father, in all thy great and precious promises. Dispose and strengthen us to obey thy blessed will, and to depend on thy providential care. Give us grace to love Thee with all our souls, to love all thy people, thy word, and ways.

Preserve us during this day from the malice and subtlety of Satan, from the snares and temptations of the world, and

from the deceitfulness and wickedness of our own hearts. Lord, we are guilty ; be Thou our righteousness. We are weak ; be Thou our strength. We are ignorant ; be Thou our teacher. We are prone to wander ; do Thou bind us to Thyself. Purify our hearts by faith. Make us a holy family, united in love and peace. May the same mind be in us, which was in Christ Jesus ; and may we daily tread in the blessed steps of his most holy life. Hold Thou us up, and we shall be safe. Keep us from all evil, that we may never grieve thy Holy Spirit, or injure our own souls, or cause the way of truth to be evil spoken of ; but may we be as lights in a dark place, shining to thy praise.

Give, we beseech Thee ; thy blessing to all our relatives and friends. May they all be reconciled to Thee, and do Thou keep them in thy faith and fear.

Bless thy ministers, who have to labour among us. Endue them plentifully with thy grace ; and prepare our hearts to receive thy word with due reverence, teach-

ableness, and faith. Bless our Queen, and all that are in authority ; and so guide and influence their minds, that we may be governed in all godly quietness. Bless continually that branch of thy Church which Thou hast graciously planted in this land. Sanctify and cleanse it, and preserve it to all generations, for the glory of thy name, and to be a blessing in the earth. Overturn every system of will-worship and superstition which would hide the grace and glory of Christ from the view of sinners. Let the man of sin be "consumed with the spirit of thy mouth, and destroyed by the brightness of thy coming." Hasten the time when all shall know Thee, and when both Jew and Gentile shall be obedient to the faith of Christ.

We would praise thy holy name, Most Gracious Lord, for all our mercies, temporal and spiritual. May we have such a grateful sense of them, that we may give up ourselves to thy service, and walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O Heavenly Father, through whose kind providential care we are brought to the close of another day, and are permitted again to unite in supplication at thy throne of grace, we thank Thee for this fresh instance of thy loving-kindness towards us. Thou art good, and doest good to the unthankful and the evil.

How hard and insensible are our hearts ! how far from being suitably affected by all thy gracious dealings towards us. Pardon this our ingratitude, O Lord. Humble us under a deep sense of our depravity, and of our many transgressions of thy holy law. Behold, Lord, we are vile. We could not have one ray of hope, were it not for that gracious Saviour, and ever-living Intercessor, whom Thou hast in unspeakable mercy provided for the lost. But through Him we have boldness to come into thy presence. We plead his merits, O God,

In his most precious blood, we beseech Thee, to cleanse us from all our sins.

And grant, for his sake, that thy Holy Spirit may abide with us as a Teacher, a Sanctifier, and Comforter. May He give us an increasing love of thy holy word, that we may delight to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it. Open Thou our understandings that we may understand the Scriptures ; and grant that we may be led through thy grace more and more to prize and cleave to that gracious Saviour, of whom they testify. May He become increasingly precious to our souls. May our life be hid with Christ in God. And O suffer not an ensnaring world to draw our hearts from Thee. Enable us to live above its smiles and frowns. May we be constantly mindful that the time is short : and may we all be earnestly desirous of doing thy will and promoting thy glory ; “looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ,”—and when He shall appear, may we also appear with Him in glory.

We beseech Thee, most gracious Lord, that the blessed Gospel may be made known throughout the whole world. Mercifully raise up and send forth faithful and devoted labourers into thy vineyard. Give abundant success to every effort used to spread the knowledge of the Redeemer's name ; and be pleased shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom. And especially we entreat Thee to grant that our dear relatives and friends may know the joyful sound of thy salvation, may hear the voice of Jesus, and follow Him.

Bless thy universal Church ; and grant that all who profess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. Be very gracious to our own beloved country. Bless our Queen, her royal offspring, and all that are put in authority under her.

Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Succour, support, and com-

fort them. Give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

And now, O merciful God, may thy gracious care be extended over this thy family again this night. Grant us refreshing sleep, and bring us to see the light of another day in health and safety, if it be thy blessed will.

Hear us, O Lord, we most humbly beseech Thee ; and do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, for the sake, and through the mediation of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named," and through whom there is alway access to thy throne of grace for thy sinful children, mercifully hear our prayer. How great is thy goodness in preserving our lives, and in bringing us to-

gether again at thy footstool this morning in health and peace.

We confess, O God, that we are utterly unworthy to come into thy presence, for we have grievously sinned against Thee. The heart within us is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. We could have no hope of acceptance with Thee hadst Thou not provided for us an Advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous, the propitiation for our sins, who ever liveth to make intercession for us ; whom thou hearest always.

For his sake, we entreat Thee, to create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness.

May we enter upon the duties of this day under a deep sense of thy manifold and great mercies to us. May it be the earnest desire of each of us to do only such things as are pleasing in thy sight. As the redeemed of the Lord, may we feel that we are not our own ; and, constrained by thy

love, may it be our earnest endeavour to glorify Thee in our body and spirit, which are thine.

We look to Thee, O God, for guidance and strength. Thou knowest our blindness : O make thy way plain before our face. Thou knowest the depravity of our hearts : may thy good Spirit make us sincere and upright before Thee. Thou knowest our weakness, O do Thou strengthen us with might by thy Spirit in the inward man. Be Thou our keeper. Uphold our goings, that our footsteps slip not. Preserve us by thy mighty power through faith unto salvation.

May each member of this family walk this day as a member of Christ. May we live as those who have indeed been redeemed from their vain conversation to show forth thy praise. Clothe us, O Lord, with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Give us grace to do to all men as we would they should do to us ; and grant that, being called by Thee to inherit a blessing, we may rejoice to dispense bless-

ings, and especially in helping forward the salvation of others.

Bless, O Lord, all Christian kings, princes, and governors, and especially thy servant Victoria, our Queen, all the Royal Family, and those who fill important offices in Church and State. Endue thy ministers with righteousness, and make thy chosen people joyful. Pity, O Lord, all those who have not yet heard of the Redeemer's name, and send to them thy light and thy truth.

Accept our thanks, most gracious Father, for the continuance of thy preserving care, for the refreshing sleep of the past night, for all the comforts of another day, and for this additional opportunity of drawing near to Thee ;—above all for the light of life, the Sun of Righteousness, for whom we bless thy name : and in whom we commend ourselves and all our services to Thee : and to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God over all, be all honour and glory. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O God, our merciful Father, we come before Thee at the close of another day to acknowledge thy undeserved goodness, and our unprofitableness and sin. We humbly confess that during this day we have sinned against thy divine Majesty. Many duties have been neglected by us, or unworthily performed ; and in our flesh there dwelleth no good thing. To us belong only shame and confusion of face.

We adore thy long-suffering mercy, O God, which has borne with all our provocations to the present hour. Most justly might we have been cut off in our past sins. If Thou wast extreme to mark what has been amiss, O Lord, who could abide it ! But Thou art the God of all grace, and thy compassions fail not.

We beseech Thee mercifully to forgive us all our sins. We plead no merit of our own, but only thy manifold and great mercies in Christ Jesus. To whom can

we go, O Christ, but unto Thee ? Thou only hast the words of eternal life. O Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, take away our sins, and grant us thy peace. Give us grace, we beseech Thee, that ever hereafter we may serve Thee with more devoted affection, more humble submission, more entire trust in thy promises, and with a more lively sense of thine unutterable love.

Our souls cleave to the dust, O Lord ; our hearts are too much taken up with the cares and vanities of a dying world. O do Thou quicken us according to thy word. Leave us not to the hardness, or ignorance, or unbelief of our own hearts, but renew us daily in the spirit of our minds : uphold our goings that we fall not, and lead us in the way everlasting.

We would bless thy holy name, heavenly Father, for all thy mercies received this day, and for all thy loving-kindness through the days that are past. Thou hast graciously protected us from danger, provided for our earthly wants, and surrounded us

with innumerable blessings. Especially would we adore Thee that we have the light of thy Gospel, the means of grace, and the hope of glory. We praise Thee also for the many family blessings and comforts we enjoy. Be pleased to continue them to us. Make us to be a family united in Christ. Give us the sympathy, and tenderness, and charity, of those who are members of his mystical body, that he may live together in peace and holiness, as fellow-heirs of thine eternal kingdom. Enable us to subdue every sinful temper ; and give us grace to guard against every thing in word or deed that might break the bonds of peace.

We humbly beg thy blessing on all our friends and relatives, our earthly governors and spiritual pastors. Bless the whole Church, build it up in holiness : increase its members ; and grant that all who confess thy holy name, may be of one heart and one mind, and be inspired continually with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord.

Bless all who labour to spread thy Gos-

pel ; and hasten the blessed time, when all shall know Thee, when there shall be one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord ; to whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, three Persons in one God, be ascribed equal and everlasting praise. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O Lord, Thou art the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity. Thy name is holy. We adore thy greatness. We magnify thy goodness. For, while Thou hast thy dwelling in the high and holy place, Thou hast respect unto the lowly, and dwellest with the humble and contrite spirit.

And wilt Thou in very deed thus dwell with man ! O prepare our hearts to receive thy gracious presence. Affect us with a lowly sense of our meanness in comparison of Thee, our depravity, ignorance, and helplessness. Humble our souls under the con-

sciousness of our manifold sins and departures from Thee. Abase us under the recollection of our disobedience, our pride, our unbelief, our unteachableness, our ingratitude, our hardness of heart. But cast us not away from thy presence. Blot out our sins as a cloud, and our transgressions as a thick cloud : apply to our souls the atoning blood of Christ, thy Son, and ever behold us in his righteousness.

And send us—send into our hearts, O Lord, thy promised Spirit, the Comforter, that we may be both humbled by his light and comforted by his peace-inspiring grace ; that the things of Christ may be revealed to us, as they are freely given to us of God, and that our souls may be delivered both from sin, and the terrible dread of thy wrath.

Thou hast preserved us during the darkness of the night, and once more Thou causest the day to shine around us. Guard us from every peril. Save us from the world, from ourselves, from the tempter. Direct our steps. Bless our undertakings.

Perfect thy work in our souls. Cause thy word and thy presence to go with us, that in all things we may act as thy servants, and do thy will as it is done by saints and angels above.

With us bless all who are and ought to be dear to us. Bless our Queen, our government, our country, and shed upon thy Church the bright beams of thy truth, and the converting and sanctifying Spirit of grace. Upon bishops, and all Christian ministers and missionaries, pour thy richest blessings ; and accompany thy word with thine almighty power, till all nations shall be enlightened with the Saviour's glory, and rejoice in his salvation.

Visit with thy mercy, O Lord, the children of sorrow, the poor, the widow, the fatherless, the sick, the distressed. Graciously accept our feeble adorations and petitions, in the name, and through the mediation, of thy beloved Son ;—to whom be glory, with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, for ever. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Almighty and most gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all thy works, again we meet to bless thy holy name. To Thee we are beholden for all the blessings of the past day. Thy hand has conferred every comfort, and averted every evil. To Thee we owe it, that, in spite of unnumbered provocations, we are now assembled in peace and safety. We have to adore Thee for having crowned us with loving-kindness and tender mercy, when we have deserved punishment, and that continually.

O do Thou impress us with an awful sense of thine infinite purity, and humble us for our exceeding sinfulness. Give us a deep sense of the evil of sin. May we view it in some degree, as it appears to Thee. May we hate and resist it in all its various forms ; and may every day see its power weakened in us, till at last we are holy as Thou art holy, and pure as Thou art pure.

We implore thy pardon for all we have done amiss this day. Thou knowest our proneness to depart from Thee. We have to acknowledge our vanity and pride, our worldly affections and evil tempers. We confess ourselves to be unworthy of all thy benefits. But do Thou cleanse us in the blood of Jesus Christ. May his righteousness cover us, and be our plea with God. And may our unfeigned penitence appear in future amendment of life. May we retire to rest this night at peace with Thee and all mankind. Suffer us not to cherish a feeling of resentment against any of our fellow-creatures ; but may we forgive as we expect to be forgiven. May we learn to rule our own spirits, and in honour prefer one another. May we all be adorned with the graces of a meek and quiet spirit. May we dwell in love, and may the God of love be with us all.

Watch over us, we beseech Thee, while we sleep. Deliver us from every evil ; and in the face of every danger may we still be able to repose our souls on Thee. And if

we be spared to see another day, may we have grace to devote ourselves with fresh energy to thy service.

O Thou who art the Saviour of the world, have mercy upon all mankind. Cause thy Gospel to be preached unto all people. Claim the heathen nations for thine inheritance. Restore thine ancient people Israel to thy fold. Consume all Antichrists "with the spirit of thy mouth, and destroy them with the brightness of thy coming." And cause thy kingdom to spread, till the whole earth is filled with thy glory.

Accept our thanks, O God, for thy manifold and great mercies, and grant these petitions for the alone sake of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O God, our heavenly Father, thy mercies are renewed to us every morning ; help us to renew our praises and thanksgivings before thy throne, and teach us to call upon Thee with humble and faithful hearts. We

have nothing but what we have received from Thee. We desire to offer to Thee our unfeigned thanks for the continuance of life and health ; for all our outward comforts, and for all our spiritual privileges. May we never despise the riches of thy goodness and forbearance ; nor grieve thy Holy Spirit, whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

We pray Thee to remove all the hindrances which keep us from coming to Thee, and from enjoying spiritual communion with Thee. Help us to pray with the spirit, and with the understanding also, and thankfully to avail ourselves of the privilege of spreading all our wants and sorrows before our Father, which art in heaven.

We draw near to Thee, O Lord, as guilty creatures, deserving thy wrath. We have grievously transgressed thy commands. We have frequently neglected our duty ; we have too easily given way to temptation ; we have too often indulged evil thoughts and evil tempers. We have been more ready to please ourselves than to glorify Thee, and to

follow the example of the world, than to run in the way of thy commandments. For these, and all our numberless offences, we desire to humble ourselves before Thee. Teach us to mourn for them with godly sorrow. Give us repentance unto salvation. And in the pitifulness of thy great mercy, blot out our transgressions : remember them not against us ; pardon them freely, for thy dear Son's sake. We pray that we may all be partakers of his grace, and henceforth be followers of Christ, not in name only, but in deed and in truth.

Help us to live as Christians ought to live, having our conversation in heaven ; laying up our treasure there, and daily seeking the things that are above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand. Grant that we may be continually learning to have a greater hatred to sin, and a greater love to Thee, and to thy holy ways.

Be with us this day, O merciful Lord, and keep us from offending Thee in thought, word, or deed. Fit us for the duties of our respective stations ; and enable us dili-

gently and faithfully to discharge them, remembering always that thine eye is upon us, and that to Thee we must give account. Give us grace to "walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Help us to stay our minds on Thee, that they may be kept in perfect peace : help us to walk uprightly, that we may walk safely ; help us to live in peace, that Thou, the God of love and peace, mayest be with us.

These things we ask for ourselves and all connected with us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O most blessed and glorious Lord God Almighty, who, in thine infinite mercies, hast graciously brought us in safety to the close of another week, help us by thine eternal Spirit to render unto Thee at this time our united praises and thanksgivings

for thy great goodness during the course of it. Fill our hearts with thankfulness, and our mouths with thy praise.

Who are we, and what is our service, that Thou shouldst so load us with benefits and give unto us all things so richly to enjoy ! And yet, O God, what have been our returns unto Thee, for all thy manifold and great mercies ! We have not rendered unto Thee according to that which we have received at thy hands ; neither have we been thankful, as we ought to have been. Truly, Thou hast been good and kind to the unthankful and the evil.

We would acknowledge with deep humiliation of soul, our sad want of gratitude, as well as our innumerable other sins. Spare us, O Lord, spare us : forgive us, O heavenly Father, for thy dear Son's sake. Look not upon us, who have sinned against Thee, but upon the face of Jesus thine Anointed ; and blot out as a thick cloud our transgressions, and as a cloud our sins. We cannot confess them, for they are too many to be numbered, and too great to

be described. Our only refuge is thy mercy and grace. O Jesus, intercede for us. Thou advocate with the Father, undertake our cause. And O Thou blessed Spirit of the Father and of the Son, we most earnestly implore thy special grace, that our prayers may not proceed out of feigned lips, but that we may now render unto Thee an acceptable evening sacrifice.

Heavenly Father, we implore Thee, of thy great goodness to prepare our hearts for the solemnities of thy holy day : deliver us from all worldly cares, thoughts, and anxieties. May we be in the Spirit on thine own day. In all our private meditations, in our family worship, and in all the public ordinances, may we find by blessed experience, that the Sabbath is indeed "the Lord's day."

Be with all thy faithful ministers on the morrow. Teach them what to say ; and grant that they may so speak of Jesus and His great salvation, that thy word may have free course and be glorified in the conversion of sinners, the encouragement of the

penitent, and the building up of thy people in their holy faith. May all thy ministers come amongst their respective flocks, in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

O God, look upon the covenant, and have mercy on all who are destitute of the means of grace. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics : take from them all ignorance, and hardness of heart. Send out thy light and thy truth ; and in the darkest places of the earth let the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.

And now, O heavenly Father, take us, and all whom we should remember in our prayers, under thy special care and keeping this night. Keep us outwardly in our bodies, and, above all, inwardly in our souls. O keep us, and guide us safely to thy heavenly kingdom, for the sake of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ ; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed everlasting praise and glory. Amen.

Additional Prayers.

THE MORNING OF A COMMUNION SABBATH.

O Thou Father of mercies and God of all consolation, from whom all good things do come, we would heartily praise Thee, not only for all thy benefits pertaining to this present life, but more especially for spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. We adore Thee as the God of our salvation, who hast given thy Son to die for our sins, and hast raised Him again for our justification. We would exalt and magnify thy name, O God, most High, who performest all things for us.

We bless Thee for the precious privileges

of this thy day. May we enter upon the duties of it with that preparation of heart which must come from Thee. Grant us the Spirit of grace and supplication. Open our understandings to understand the Scriptures. Excite in our souls an increased hungering and thirsting after righteousness. O let all the ordinances of thy grace be greatly blessed to our souls, and thy word come with quickening and sanctifying power to our hearts.

Thou dost invite us, O Lord Jesus, this day to thy table ; there to commemorate thy dying love. May we draw near with true contrition of heart, and sincere purposes of amendment of life. May thy good Spirit help us and guide us in examining our lives by thy word, that we may clearly perceive how oft we have offended, and how prone we are to offend in will, word, and deed. Thus do Thou cause us to feel more deeply our exceeding sinfulness, and increase in us godly sorrow for sin ; and may our thankfulness for thy death, and our determination to forsake every other

hope and cleave to Thee alone, be strengthened and confirmed.

And may we come in faith, with a sure trust in that full, perfect, and sufficient atonement and satisfaction, which, by thy precious blood-shedding, Thou hast made for the sins of the whole world. In the bread and wine may we discern thy sufferings and thy love, and thence derive comfort and strength, a quiet conscience, and a lively hope; with such a sense of our infinite obligations to Thee, as shall constrain us to yield ourselves freely to thy will, in heart and life for evermore.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the approaching ordinance may prove to us a season of refreshing. May we realize thy presence, and feed on that flesh which is meat indeed, and partake of that blood which is drink indeed; and know to our unspeakable comfort that Thou abidest in us, by the spirit which Thou hast given us.

Nor would we be mindful merely of ourselves. We commend to Thee all our fellow Christians, and especially those who

may this day join with us at the sacramental table. Create in them a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within them. May their faith be strengthened, their hope enlivened, their zeal increased, and their charity enlarged by their attendance there.

Be with thy ministering servants : assist and encourage them in their labours. May the bread of life, which they distribute to their fellow-men, prove to their own souls an abundant source of strength, and comfort, and joy.

And now unto Him, who hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, three Persons in one everlasting God, be ascribed all honour and glory, all might, majesty, and dominion, world without end. Amen.

THE EVENING OF A COMMUNION SABBATH.

Most Holy and blessed Lord God, we come before Thee again this night, with the

voice of praise and thanksgiving. We bless Thee for all the expressions of thy loving-kindness to us unworthy sinners ; particularly for the precious pledges of thy love in Christ Jesus, which we have once more received.

What are we, O God, that we should be enriched with all spiritual blessings in Him. What manner of love is this, that Thou, O great and glorious Jehovah, who hast been so often dishonoured by us, shouldest yet deal so exceeding graciously with us, that we, who have so grievously offended Thee, should be admitted to feast at thy table.

How shall we praise Thee, O blessed Lord Jesus, for thy renewed mercies in thine own ordinance. We have therein seen thy great salvation, and the sufferings wherewith Thou didst purchase it for penitent sinners, who trust in Thee. O the unutterable love Thou hast shown in dying for us ! Blessed be thy name for the sure foundation Thou hast thus laid for our hope in God, and for our justification in his sight.

We praise Thee for the spiritual influence

of thine ordinance and the grace imparted through it ; for strengthening and refreshing our souls thereby, and for any increase of peace, hope, comfort, and love. O let these effects remain. Make us to know the things that are freely given us of Thee ; and make us to feel how much we owe Thee for all thy kindness to our souls. May we be deeply sensible of thy mercy, and stedfastly purposed to live to thy glory. May we daily show our thankfulness for thy benefits by our obedience to thy precepts. Keep us ever mindful of the vows which are upon us. Let neither worldly desires, nor cares, nor duties, deaden our hearts, or draw them from Thee. Let not the flesh again prevail with us, nor Satan any more take us captive. Let us not in any way whatever turn again to folly, or bring a reproach on thy name by any inconsistent tempers or conduct ; but may we henceforth be doubly circumspect and exemplary, striving to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we live in the Spirit, and walk in the Spirit, and abide in

Thee, and bring forth much fruit, and so be thy true disciples and glorify our heavenly Father.

Hear our intercessions, O merciful Lord, in behalf of the whole family of man. May all nations be blessed in Christ Jesus, and all be brought to call Him blessed. To this end increase the faith, and love, and zeal of thy Church, that it may arise, and shine, and enlighten the world.

Be very gracious to the congregation with which we are connected, and grant that those members of it, who have this day received the memorials of the Saviour's death and passion, may have their hearts thereby abundantly comforted and knit together in love. May they henceforth study to serve Thee in true holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives. And look in mercy upon the careless, who harden their hearts against thy word, and when invited to thy table most unthankfully refuse to come. Convince them by the effectual teaching of thy Holy Spirit of their evil ways. Grant them repentance, and draw them to Christ.

Forgive, we pray Thee, the sins and imperfections, that mingle with all our attempts to serve Thee. How ought we to be humbled in the dust when we reflect upon the iniquity of our holy things. O be merciful to us, and help us to love Thee more and serve Thee better.

We ask all, O Lord our God, not in our own name, but relying on the intercession of thy Son, the Prince of Peace, the King of Glory ; to whom, with Thee, and the Eternal Spirit, we ascribe all blessing and praise for evermore. Amen.

FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom every mercy is vouchsafed to our fallen race, we adore Thee as the God of our salvation, who hast redeemed us with the blood of thy beloved Son.

Thou didst create us after thine own blessed image, in a holy and happy state ; but we have defaced the work of thy hands,

and have brought ourselves into a state of alienation from Thee, and of enmity against Thee.

Yet O most Holy Lord God, Thou hast not dealt with us as enemies, and left us to perish ; but Thou hast pitied us in our lost estate, and hast given thine only begotten Son to die for us, to save us from that everlasting death, which is the due wages of our sin. Thou sparedst not the adorable Jesus, that Thou mightest spare us, and make us eternal monuments of thy saving mercy and redeeming love.

How marvellous the mercy, how unspeakable the grace, that when we were enemies we should be reconciled to Thee, through the death of thy Son ! O grant us to see the tremendous evil of sin, which required such an atonement ; and fill us with adoring thoughts of the incomprehensible love of our most blessed Saviour, who offered that atonement upon the cross. May thy good Spirit impress these things deeply on our minds, and ever keep them in our remembrance ; that we may hate sin with a per-

fect hatred, that our hearts may stand in awe of thy word, and that we may evermore fear to offend Thee. May we habitually feel that we are not our own, but the purchased possession of our Lord,—bought at the inestimable price of his most precious blood, and bound to glorify Him in our bodies and spirits, which He has redeemed.

And grant us, O Lord, such a living faith in the blood-shedding of thy dear Son as shall bring peace to our souls. We believe that He has fully discharged our debt, that nothing remains to be paid by those of us, for whom Thou art pleased to accept his infinite satisfaction. Increase and confirm this faith in us more and more ; and under its influence, may we ever look up to Thee as our reconciled Father in Christ, in the true spirit of adoption, and find thy blessed service to be a service of perfect freedom.

O Thou, whose love has a height, and depth, and breadth, and length, that pass our knowledge and are unsearchable, help

us to look unto Thee, as the Author and Finisher of our faith, who, for the joy set before Thee in our salvation, hast endured the cross, despising the shame. May we know Thee, as our Lord and our God, who hast washed us from our sins in thine own blood. May we know Thee more perfectly, and "the power of thy resurrection, and the fellowship of thy sufferings, being made conformable to thy death."

O blessed Jesus, all that Thou didst upon earth, Thou didst for us : thy life is ours ; thy death is ours. May we die to sin, crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts, be crucified to the world and the world to us, and rise with Thee to a new, holy, and heavenly life here, and live with Thee for ever in the glory to come.

And we pray that not only we, but that others also may thus look to a crucified Saviour for eternal life. O Thou, who hast said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me," cause thy grace to be published to all nations, pour out of thy Spirit upon

all flesh, and let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of Thee, our God.

We would add our feeble tribute of praise and thanksgiving for the wonders of thy redeeming love. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Whilst we live may we praise Thee, and this life ended, may we praise Thee for ever in heaven. Grant it, O Father, for thy dear Son, Jesus Christ's sake.

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

Almighty God, and merciful Father, assist us thine unworthy creatures to approach Thee with a deep sense of our sinfulness, and in the true spirit of adoption. And as we now commemorate the coming of our Lord, let there be in us, we pray Thee, that meek and lowly mind which was in Him, who so humbled himself to save us from our sins.

Make us, we beseech Thee, truly thankful that we are preserved to the return of this sacred season ; and let our gratitude be shown by our solemn observance of the same.

Help us so to feel the evil of our sins, and the burden of our guilt, that we may more worthily esteem thy great mercy in sending Christ Jesus, thy adorable Son, to deliver us from everlasting death.

And while we make mention of thy great goodness and long-suffering mercy toward us, we especially implore thy blessing on the privileges and ordinances of this day. O let not any good impression produced thereby on our hearts be "as the morning cloud, and the early dew, which passeth away."

Truly our religious advantages are very many ; yet we have to lament our coldness, and our want of love to Thee, our Gracious Father. Pardon our many and grievous sins, most merciful God, for the sake of thy beloved Son.

Let the tidings of salvation through the

name of our Redeemer, fill us with love and joy, and quicken us in running the way of thy commandments. May these precious truths so abide in our hearts, that we may thankfully join the praises of the angelic host, ascribing from our inmost souls, "Glory to God in the highest," and ever seeking to promote "peace on earth and good will towards men."

O Thou, who didst, as at this time, give thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him for man's salvation, we adore Thee that "unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given," who is the Saviour, Christ the Lord. Give us, we pray Thee, of thine abundant grace, that we may follow his blessed steps, doing thy will, and "glorifying Thee in our bodies and our spirits, which are thine." Keep us, Almighty Father, from everything hurtful, and from everything unbecoming our profession at this joyous season. "Let our moderation be known unto all men," and our rejoicing be always in the Lord. Let each member of this family so behold the nativity and

humiliation of thy Son, to become a sacrifice for sin, that we may loathe all sin, and love Him, who so loved us, and gave himself for us.

As "the Day-spring from on high hath visited us," let not any of us love darkness, but by thy merciful guidance, may we "walk in the light, as Thou art in the light."

Be pleased, gracious Father, to make this a time of refreshing to us through the Incarnate Word. Out of his fulness of grace and truth supply our needy souls: and thus enlarge our hearts to love Thee, the God of love, and to love all our fellow-men, whom Thou hast redeemed through the incarnation of thy beloved Son.

Cause, O God, the true light to shine into every unconverted heart. Have compassion on all those who have never heard of the coming of our blessed Lord in the flesh. Through the preaching of the Gospel of thy grace, may many in all lands be delivered from their sins, to "serve Thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life."

Mercifully with thy favour look upon the whole Christian world. May all that name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Especially preserve them from turning this sacred season into an occasion of revellings and unholy mirth. Let them rejoice, as Christians, in Christ their Saviour ; and let thy grace teach them to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts.

Vouchsafe thy blessing to all thy faithful ministers. Make their labours to be very useful to the souls of men. May they so preach Jesus, as a Saviour born into this world, and so set forth his Almighty power and his boundless grace for the deliverance of sinners, that in the day of his second coming, multitudes may appear as their crown of rejoicing in his presence.

Hear us, O our God, in these and all our supplications, through our only Mediator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

FOR THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

O Thou High and Lofty One, that inhabiteth eternity, with whom a thousand years are as one day, and one day as a thousand years, we, thy creatures, whom thy hand has formed, and thy providence has sustained from our childhood to this hour, desire to approach Thee with reverence and godly fear, and at the same time we would come before Thee with the voice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank Thee that through thy good hand upon us, we have been preserved to the evening of this day, and that notwithstanding our utter unworthiness, we are still permitted to come into thy presence at the close of another year, and to address Thee as our Father in Christ Jesus, and the God of our salvation.

Help us by thy Holy Spirit to humble ourselves before Thee. May He bring to our remembrance our manifold sins, and

show unto us the evil of our doings. May He impart to us true contrition of spirit, whilst we recall to mind the folly and perverseness, the pride and worldliness, the unbelief and ingratitude, which have stained our Christian character and defiled our course through the year now closing. How rebellious and unprofitable have we been ! How wonderful has been thy forbearance and thy love ! Thou mightest justly have cut us down as cumberers of the ground, but through thine infinite long-suffering mercy, we are still in the land of the living,—still in possession of many and great privileges, and surrounded by innumerable proofs of thy goodness.

O God, when we trace the course of thy wonderful providence in its dealings with us,—when we bring to remembrance the mercies we have enjoyed, the dangers we have escaped, the discipline we have endured, and the consolation and support we have experienced, we may well be overwhelmed with a sense of our obligations to Thee. We can never be sufficiently thank-

ful. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us praise his holy name. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that, notwithstanding all our perverseness and sin, the design of all thy gracious dispensations may be fully accomplished in us. O may thy Holy Spirit sanctify to us the whole course of thy providence, and render every event conducive to the increase of true religion within us.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Teach us the great lessons, which thy goodness, and our sinfulness, should at this season especially impress on our minds. May all the way we have been led tend to humble us more and more, and lead us the more to exalt and magnify the riches of thy grace. Show us the emptiness of this vain world, and the folly of seeking our rest in that which is polluted, and so soon to pass away. May we grow more heavenly-minded, as we approach nearer the grave.

May we daily learn to look with more

indifference upon things which we are so soon to leave, and to press forward with more earnest desire after those things which are before, which constitute "the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus." Amidst all the changing scenes and passing seasons of this transient world, may our hearts be fixed on things heavenly and eternal.

We would ask the same blessings for our fellow-Christians everywhere. Let not this solemn season pass without producing in them deep humiliation for their sins, heartfelt thankfulness to Thee for thine abounding mercies, and determined purposes of living more entirely to Thee. Revive thy work, O Lord, in the midst of the days, not only in our hearts, but in our Church, in our country, and in all the Churches of Christ.

And now, most gracious God, we commit ourselves once more into thy faithful hands; beseeching Thee to forgive us all those things, whereof our consciences are afraid, and to give us all those good things, which we are not worthy to ask, but only in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Almighty and everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three Persons in one great and incomprehensible Jehovah, have mercy upon us miserable sinners ; forgive our sins, and incline our hearts to seek thy face. .

On entering upon another year of our short lives, we desire to renew the dedication of ourselves to Thee ; for thine we are, and Thee we are bound to serve. Help us to do this in sincerity and truth. Keep us from dissembling with Thee, and deceiving our own souls.

We confess with shame and sorrow that other lords beside Thee have had dominion over us. We have served divers lusts and pleasures. But vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, O God, henceforth to reign within us. May the time past suffice us to have followed our own carnal will, and the devices and desires of our sinful hearts. Bring every thought and desire of them, through the

renewing of thy grace, into subjection to the obedience of Christ. O make us to be sincere and upright before Thee. Make us to be thy faithful servants ; and may we live to Thee alone.

In ourselves we are poor, helpless, needy creatures, exposed to numberless dangers and calamities, unable to provide for our own happiness, or to sustain the burdens which may be laid upon us ; but we confide in thy power and wisdom, thy goodness and truth. In all generations Thou hast been the refuge, the dwelling-place of thy people. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. We rejoice that we are permitted to lay hold of thy strength. We would cast all our care upon Thee for time and for eternity ; for Thou hast assured us that thy salvation shall be for ever, and thy righteousness shall not be abolished.

As Thou hast been graciously pleased to bring us to the beginning of this year, so

we pray that Thou wouldst mercifully guide, and bless, and preserve us through the same ; or if during the course of it we are called hence, to be no more seen in this world, grant that we may be prepared by thy grace for thy presence in glory, and have an abundant entrance ministered unto us into thy heavenly kingdom.

And grant, O Lord, that this season may not be spent by us in thoughtlessness and levity, but may it be to all of us an occasion of more serious reflection on the shortness, uncertainty, and value of time, that we may apply ourselves with more earnestness than ever to our preparation for that solemn change which awaits us. May we seek to grow in grace as we advance in years ; and as the last year and day of life approach, may we become more “meet for the inheritance of the saints in light.”

We know not, O our God, what is in reserve for us in the course of the year on which we now enter ; but our hope is in Thee. Into thy hands we commit our spirits ; for Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord

God of truth. Fit and prepare us, we beseech Thee, for the duties and trials, which may be before us ; and under all the varying circumstances of life, may we be found “stedfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.”

Be very gracious to our friends. Enrich them abundantly with the bounties of thy providence and the gifts of thy grace. Prosper the work of thy servants, who are engaged in spreading thy Gospel in the world. May their zeal be increased, and a larger blessing than ever attend their labours this year.

All that we ask, O God, is in the name, and for the sake, of Jesus Christ. And to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be glory for ever. Amen.

Additional Petitions,

WHICH MAY BE INTRODUCED INTO THE
• FORMER PRAYERS.

ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN.

I.

WE entreat thy favour, O Lord, towards the dear children of this family. They have been dedicated to Thee by baptism, and we earnestly pray that all their future tempers and conduct may prove that they are indeed “regenerated by thy Holy Spirit, and thy children by adoption and grace.” Incline them to seek Thee early. Open their hearts to receive the truth as it is in Jesus ; and may “the word of Christ dwell richly in them in all wisdom.” Let

thy fatherly hand ever be over them ; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them ; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

II.

Remember with thy favour, O Lord, the children of this family. Make them thine own children in spirit and in truth. Early teach them to see the fault and corruption of their nature. Renew in them a penitent and pure heart. Enable them to exercise a lively faith in thy Son, Jesus Christ. May thy Holy Spirit cause them to delight in thy ways, and to hate and renounce all sin, and ever to follow that which is good. Make them to be obedient to their parents, attentive to their various duties, and diligent in their learning. Take possession of their hearts and rule their lives ; so may they continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto thine everlasting kingdom.

III.

We pray, especially, that the children of this family may be brought up in thy fear. Create in them clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within them. Keep them, O Lord, from the evil that is in the world. And after they have done thy will on earth, grant them an abundant entrance into thy heavenly kingdom.

IV.

Have compassion on the children of this family. Save them from the follies and dangers of youth. Incline them to seek Thee with their whole hearts. Make them to be obedient in all things. Prepare them for thy future service on earth, and grant that hereafter they may all be members of thy blessed family above.

V.

We implore thy especial protection on behalf of the youthful members of this family. Save them from the temptations of this vain and evil world. Strengthen

them to resist the devil. Put into their hearts good desires, and enable them to bring the same to good effect. Watch over them during the weakness and inexperience of their youth, and prepare them for the duties to which thy providence shall call them.

VI.

We especially commend unto Thee the children of this family. Let thy providence lead and thy grace restrain them, through the dangers and temptations of their youth, that they may not run into folly, nor give way to any unbridled appetite. Let not any iniquity have dominion over them ; but grant that their hearts may be sound in thy statutes. Be pleased so to order the events of their lives, that, by thy grace, they may be trained up to serve Thee, in the midst of an evil generation ; and, after a useful and holy life, may they come to a peaceful and happy death, and reign with Christ in glory everlasting.

BEFORE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

O gracious Redeemer, grant that those of us who hope soon to approach thy table, may be assisted by thy grace in our self-examination and preparation for this holy ordinance. Do Thou impart to us a lively feeling of our own sinfulness and unprofitableness, and a simple dependence on thy merits. Do thou grant us to hunger for the bread of life. Do Thou enable us to "discern the Lord's body," and to feed on Thee in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving. O prepare us by thy grace, that we may with a true penitent heart and lively faith, receive that holy sacrament, so that we may spiritually eat thy flesh and drink thy blood ; that we may dwell in Thee, and Thou in us, and that we may be one with Christ, and Christ with us.

BEFORE COMMUNION ON THE LORD'S DAY.

O Lord, who hast told us that the cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ, and that the bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ, and who hast called us by a solemn command to do this in remembrance of Thee, we beseech Thee to give a special blessing to those members of our family, who are now about to approach thy table. O Lord Jesus, manifest thyself unto us this day, as Thou dost not unto the world. May we have joy and peace in Thee, which the world can neither give nor take away ; and may this joy be our strength. We entreat Thee to grant that this thine ordinance may be very quickening and reviving to our souls, May our corruptions be mortified by a believing view of thy most precious death and passion, and may all graces be imparted and increased, while remembering thy dying love.

AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER.

O Lord, our God and Saviour, who hast admitted some of us, unworthy and sinful as we are, to that sacred feast in which we feed on Christ, the true bread of life, cause us to retain in our hearts a lively remembrance of so great a token and pledge of thy favour and goodness towards us. May we ever keep in mind with what we have had communion, even the body and blood of Christ, and that we are united to the people of the Lord as one bread and one body. May we therefore come out from the ungodly, and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, may we do all to thy glory. May we give no offence, nor be a cause of stumbling to any one, but please all men in all things ; not seeking our own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. May we especially love the brotherhood, and ever realize our union with all, who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

IN TIME OF WAR.

I.

O God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, and canst make the wrath of man to praise Thee, mercifully grant that the present war in which our country is engaged, may be overruled by Thee for the glory of thy great name.

May this sore scourge lead us as a nation to humble ourselves before Thee, and to repent of our many sins. Cause us seriously to reflect on the miseries it entails, and to obey the solemn voice which now calls to weeping and supplication. Take away all hardness of heart, we humbly beseech Thee, and enable us to put away the evils which provoke thy righteous displeasure.

O Lord God of hosts, we would not trust in an arm of flesh : our eyes are directed unto Thee. Go forth, we beseech Thee, with our land and naval forces. Deliver

them from everything which would provoke Thee to forsake them ; and cover Thou their heads in the day of battle. Be Thou their shield and buckler. Cause them to return with safety, honour, and victory ; yea, grant such success to their arms, that the war may speedily cease, and peace be established on a firm and lasting foundation.

And grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, who alone canst bring good out of evil, that the present conflict may tend to the furtherance of the Gospel in the East, and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

II.

And now, Lord, that we are exposed to the sore calamity of war, we pray Thee to give us grace to humble ourselves, as a nation, under thy chastening hand. Deliver us from careless indifference to thy providential dealings, and that hardness of heart which refuses to acknowledge the hand that smites us. Take away from us the evil

heart of unbelief. May both our rulers and people turn to Thee, not with feigned sorrow for the past, but with true repentance and full purpose of amendment of life.

And we commend unto Thee our seamen and our troops, who may be more immediately engaged in conflict with the enemy. O do Thou put thy love and fear into their hearts, that they may not bring reproach upon thy true religion, and that such of them as may fall in battle, may be prepared to stand before Thee in judgment, and to dwell with Thee for ever.

Thou hast taught us that the race is not unto the swift nor the battle to the strong, but that safety and victory are from Thee, O Lord : we beseech Thee, therefore, to guide and direct them, and gird them with strength in the day of battle, and do Thou cause their enemies to flee before them.

III.

O Thou, who in thy righteous government of the world, dost chasten nations for their

sin in various ways, we confess, that, as a people, our manifold offences have most justly deserved that we should be visited with that sore judgment of war, in which Thou hast seen fit to suffer us at this time to be involved. Thou hast greatly distinguished us as a nation in causing the light of thy truth to shine so brightly among us, and by our many precious privileges ; but we have not rendered again unto Thee according to the benefit which Thou hast done unto us. We have disregarded the precepts of thy word : we have been lifted up with pride and vain glory : we have not been mindful of our entire dependence upon Thee for our national peace and prosperity.

O that we may have grace to lay to heart our exceeding sinfulness, which has called for this thy present chastening. And now that thy judgments are abroad in the earth, grant, O Lord, that many may learn righteousness. We implore Thee to send forth among us the spirit of repentance and reformation, that all classes turning from

their evil doings, thy judgments may be turned away from us.

And in the fervent hope that the cause of truth and righteousness may be advanced by the success of our arms in the East, we humbly implore Thee, O God of Hosts, to go forth with our forces, and to grant them victory in the day of battle. We trust not in human valour or skill, but our eyes are unto Thee. Be Thou our defence against the enemy, and subdue our foes.

Frustrate, we beseech Thee, the devices and pretensions of intolerance and ambition in the regions of conflict; and let "the truth as it is in Jesus" have free course and be glorified, where superstition and delusion now abound.

IV.

O Almighty God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be

merciful to them that truly repent ; save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies ; abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices ; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, who art the only giver of all victory.

CONCLUDING BLESSINGS.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen. R

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God, the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, be unto us this day (night) and for evermore. Amen.

May thy grace, O HOLY JESUS, and thy love, O HEAVENLY FATHER, and thy fellowship, O ETERNAL SPIRIT, be with us, and with all who belong to us, this day (night) and for ever. Amen.

THE END.

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